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## Cantata "Bethlehem" Rendered by The College Chorus

140 Voices in Kreckman's  
First Chorus

Another memorable event in Houghton musical history was the Christmas cantata presented Friday evening in the college chapel by the Houghton College Chorus of over 140 voices directed by Professor Kreckman.

Preceding the cantata the College Men's Glee Club rendered several selection followed by the processional for the chorus "Come all ye Faithful" and the opening prayer by President Luckey.

The cantata chosen this year was the beautiful "Bethlehem" by Maunder. The soloists were Lucille Crowell, soprano; Leon Hines, tenor; Henning Turnell, baritone; and Theos Cronk, bass. Much credit is due Mr. Cronk who with only a few days notice assumed the part which Mr. Ebner was to have sung. Mr. Ebner was taken suddenly ill. Others taking small solo part in the chorus were Dora Waite, Dr. King, Howard Dietrich and Lyle Donnelly. The accompanists who did excellent work were Margaret Carter and Bernice Davie.

The scene at the opening of the chorus is a starlit night on the plains of Bethlehem. A shepherd boy while tending his flock sings, "Quickly the night is falling." This was followed by a chorus and more solos all of which were beautifully rendered.

In the second part it is night and Balthasar is resting with his train beside an old well in the desert. With the baritone solo "The Longest Journey must have an end," solos for tenor, baritone and bass "The Conversation of the Wise Men at the Well" and the hymn "When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding joy," a beautiful desert scene was aptly depicted—the star shining in the East, the awkward gait of the camels on their way to Bethlehem and the chant of the Wise Men.

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## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IS WELL ATTENDED

### Climax of Self-denial Drive

The true spirit of Christmas was brought home to us by the pageant given by the combined efforts of the Oratory Department and the Music Department Wednesday night, December 17. The music was furnished by the Girls' Glee Club and the College Orchestra. This pageant came as the climax of the self-denial drive which the Senior Y. M. W. B. has been conducting for the benefit of home missions.

No one can appreciate the pageants fully who has not seen behind the scenes. Seeing the pageant from the platform has its humor and tragedy. Those behind the scenes suffered

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## The First



## Christmas

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said to one another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

## SOME NEWS FROM KENTUCKY MOUNTAINS

### Verna Shaffer Writes

(We are printing the letter which was received from Verna Shaffer this week telling of the work which is being carried on at the Zion Hill Mission—Editors Note)

I came to Taulbee August 17, 1930. The way was rough and very winding but I enjoyed the trip.

From early girlhood I felt God's call upon me for Home Missions. I did not know just how He was to work out His plan, but I didn't worry because I had left it all to Him. The plan, however, evolved into Zion's Hill Mission and here I am to stay unless He finds a better place for me.

I still feel unqualified for my duties here. My educational advantages or accomplishments haven't been all I would have desired them to have been, but I'm thankful for what I have. I still believe that teachers are born, not made.

I am teaching the first four grades including Primary. Our children here have educational (especially grades) advantages, but so different from ours. Their "free schools" begin in July and close in January. The way school is carried on here cannot be imagined; it must be real.

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## Girls' Glee Club

Thursday morning the College Girls' Glee Club presented its second Christmas program under the leadership of Miss Zimmerman and accompanied by Margaret Carter. The following program was given:

The First Noel *Traditional*  
Cantique de Noel *Adam*  
Glee Club—Edith Stearns, Soloist  
The Christmas Story *Bible*  
Luella Jackson  
No Candle was There *Lehmann*  
Lucretia Clark  
Sleep, Holy Child *Old French Noel*  
Noel of the Bressan Waits *Bressan Melodies*  
Glee Club

EXCERPTS FROM "THE MESSIAH" *Handel*  
Piano Solo—Pastorale Symphony  
Margaret Carter  
Recitative (soprano)—"And There Were Shepherds"  
Dora Waite  
Chorus—"Hallelujah Chorus"  
Glee Club

The Star staff take this opportunity to wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous Happy New Year.

## CLASSES RAISE MONEY FOR FINANCIAL DRIVE

### Presentation Wednesday

The student body at Houghton College have always stood back of the financial drives which have been conducted from time to time. Within the last student generation the hospital drive has been put over the top through the cooperation of the student body. Now there is an even greater challenge before the students. We as loyal Houghtonites have an opportunity to help to make possible a Greater Houghton. The students have proved that they are definitely behind the campaign to provide an expense fund for a financial campaign for Houghton in the near future.

Wednesday morning in chapel the presidents of the college classes, Marshall Stevenson, Walter Alexis Chester Driver and Ernest Pierc presented President Luckey with pledges from the classes amounting to nine hundred twenty-eight dollars. The Seniors with prospects of jobs in view top the list with pledges to the amount of three hundred eighty-dollars. The Juniors pledged two hundred twenty five dollars and the Freshmen one hundred seventy dollars. The Sophomores handed in pledges to the amount of one hun-

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## Houghton Chapter Of the Alumni is Organized Here

Ries Elected President and  
Davison Secretary

There was an unusual stir in Houghton last Friday. People ran to and from the Bedford "gym" all the afternoon. Of course the students knew what was happening. The "gym" was being transformed into a banquet room decorated in purple and gold.

Following the chorus the alumni, old students and present students proceeded to the "gym" where they were served by Miss Cole and her able corps of Junior waiters. During the luncheon Hines lead the group in the singing of some of the college songs. The College Male Quartette sang several selections. The Senior class sang their song, cheers were exchanged among the classes and the Freshmen in the gallery gave college cheers.

After the luncheon Pres. Luckey began the real program of the evening. He explained the organization of the alumni groups. The alumni of Houghton are being grouped together into local chapters. The meeting Friday evening was the twelfth meeting held this year. These chapters have been named after the cities or section in which they are held. There are two meetings yet to be held—the meetings of the Albany and Michigan chapters. One of the first purposes of the meeting was to organize the Houghton Chapter. Professor Claude Ries was elected President and Miss Rachel Davison Secretary. Then President Luckey introduced Dean Fancher who reviewed the history of Houghton.

Dean Fancher said that he had been present at eight of the Alumni meetings and that, although the other groups had been smaller, each chapter had manifested the same loyal spirit. Dean Fancher carried us back to 1908 when he first came

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## HOUGHTON IN FORMER DAYS

### As We Used to Be

Did you ever stop to think that at one time Houghton did not possess the facilities for athletics which it now has? Did you ever stop to think that at one time there was no Bedford "gym" or no Purple and Gold sides?

From the Star of January, 1913 we read under the caption Athletics, "Since we made our last report, we have had some excitement in our basket-ball contests. The one most worthy of mention which was quite a phenomenal occurrence in Houghton was a double-header held on Saturday night, Dec. 14. A stove was put up previous to the game and gasoline lights furnished sufficient nocturnal illumination. After arranging spectators so that players might

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## Collegiate Sam Says:

Experience is a good teacher, but she sends in terrific bills.

## CHRISTMAS

After we have heard the Christmas cantata and the Christmas pageant, the true spirit of Christmas is in our hearts. The hymns of praise to the new-born King, the manger scene with the sweet-faced madonna gazing at the Babe—these bring to us the significance of the first Christmas. At the first Christmas the greatest gift of all the world was given to men on earth. The Christ child was sent by God to live among men and teach them the Way. On Christmas day we should give thanks to God for His great gift to mankind. We give gifts to all those whom we love, so also did God give His gift to His children, whom He loves. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." As we students go to our homes we want to remember this. We want to remember to give not alone gifts, but to give also of ourselves, our time and our thoughts to those who love us in our homes. There is probably a small brother or sister at home who is looking not only for a gift but also attention from the adored older brother or sister who is home from college. Your parents do not care so much for gifts as they do for a long chat with you in which they may learn about your college life, your friends and your activities. Not material gifts but the more kindly gifts of the spirit are of the most value. Go to your homes, students, with the spirit of Christmas in your heart and spread Christmas joy along your way.

## GREETINGS

Chester Osgood—December 20  
Beatrice Jones—December 21  
Frances Hall—December 23  
Neva Henry—December 27  
Georgina Hawn—December 27  
Lucille Crowell—January 4  
Melvin Ferns—January 7  
Grover Bates—January 8  
Chester Dayton—January 10

## HOOS HOO

A diminutive figure with dark hair and dark eyes, who is quite fond of chewing gum. This person is a "natural-born jester" and is quite a prominent member of the Gold side.

Last Week's—Albert Albro.

Eugene Tyler—January 11

## Alumni New

Hollis Stevenson attended the Alumni Luncheon Friday night.

Marjory Donley attended the Alumni Luncheon Friday night.

Alvin Densmore, class of '30, was in Houghton Saturday.

Mildred Turner, class of '29, visited friends in Houghton Saturday.

Mr. Howard Bain and his wife visited in Houghton this week-end.

Edith Davis, class of '29, was here for the Alumni luncheon Friday night.

Harlan Smith, class of '27, and his wife of North Cohocton were here Saturday.

Gladys Brown, Edith Davis, Mildred Hill, Beulah Brown, and Wesley Gleason visited Methods class Saturday.

## Houghton in Former Days

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have sufficient room to perform their part of the ceremony the referee, Professor Wm. Frazier, blew the whistle and the game started. And then we complain because we can't see when spectators are piled three deep around the railing to the gallery!

From the Star of October 14, 1916 we read "The Gym is no longer a phantasmagoria but an almost realizable reality. We are feverishly awaiting the completion." In November they write, "At last! The visions of our Seminary are to be substantiated. Day by day the toilers on the new gym have been toiling on. Even now the steady blows of the carpenter's hammers come to our ears. We look out and see an imposing edifice of dark red brick, eighty by forty feet." So Houghton came into possession of a gym.

How many of you remember the old players back in '26? Do you ever wonder about the stars who used to play for the Purple and Gold? In the Star of January 8, 1926, "The Purple boys have the old veterans: Enty, Scott, Fox, Kemp, Wescott, Fero, and Steese. And if basketball itself depended on the criterion of the team, these men would very likely find their places among the first eight. Besides this they have a flashy young player by the name of Lane or "Curley" who does exceptionally good pass work and who is able, according to his language, to make a few "buckets".

"The Gold line-up will probably bring forth the Howland brothers Henshaw and Hussey—men who have played together for a number of years, and a combination that the Purple will have to travel to beat. Taylor, Mosher, Dyer, Roth and Flint must also be added to this list as they will probably prove to us their ability in the near future.

"The Purple girls have practically the same line-up that they had last year. Driscoll, Loftis, Folger, Eldridge, and Fox are quite certain to be among the first eight.

"The Gold girls lost several of their best players through graduation but we are looking for them to develop new stars. With Anderson as captain and with "Fluffy" Albro Crouch, Molyneaux, Hall and Long there is the greatest possibility of their retaining their championship."

## HOUGHTON APPENINGS

Fred Ebner who has been ill is reported as improving.

Clayton Frank and his sister Ruth spent the week-end at their home in Cattaraugus.

Addie Belle Bever spent the week-end at her home in Little Valley, N. Y.

Gordon and Marshall Stevenson visited Hollis Stevenson at Buffalo over the week-end.

Theodore Sample and Elon Wiles were in Cuba Saturday selling buckwheat.

Beatrice Sweatland was called home to Rochester suddenly on Saturday on account of the serious illness of her sister.

Mrs. Turnell and her son, Henning, Alfred Gross, and Theos Cronk motored to Buffalo Saturday to hear the Fredonia Normal School Chorus present Handel's Messiah.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scott of Belfast entertained friends Saturday night including the Misses Burnell, Fillmore, and Rothermel, the occasion being Miss Burnell's birthday.

## Christmas Pageant

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wearily through rehearsals, stand on achy toes while chorus after chorus rang down from the Glee Club in the gallery and while character after character took the stage for his brief lines and then was heard no more, but still they have appreciated the sunny side. Under Miss Rothermel's patient instruction the committees have functioned like magic and costumes and stage effects certainly bespeak a lot of ingenuity and invention. Kings have been robed and stars created with clever schemes, and the whole pageant has called forth everyone's abilities and suggestions.

The story of the pageant is the old, but always new, beautiful story of the Christ child. Peasant women with questioning eyes, a watchman and shepherds are drawn by the mystery of an unusually bright star. The answer to their question about the star is given when the most lovely part of the whole pageant reveals the sweet-faced madonna watching the Babe, Joseph sitting nearby, angels worshipping, and two little heralds proclaiming the glad tidings to all who will hear. Three kings from the Orient bring precious gifts to the Christ child and reverently bow before the cradle. While the whole group gaze in awe upon the tiny Saviour of the world, a lullaby is sung. Somehow lullabies have a more tender meaning since the realization that most likely Mary sang sleepy time songs to her little Son.

The Knight of the Grail brings a challenge to all to carry the news of hope to a waiting world, and the last thought left with the audience is that each one has pledged himself as a follower of "The Gleam". The pageant was truly fitting as a prelude for the offerings of gifts of sacrifice.

## Classes Raise Money for Drive

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dred fifty dollars.

President Luckey expressed his deep appreciation of the fact that the students are doing their bit toward helping Houghton.

## Senior Dorm Party

Tuesday evening after Prayer Meeting, a spirit of revelry reigned in the Senior dorm. The party started off with the girls wildly rushing between the reception room and Miss Zimmerman's studio in vain efforts to put their fingers on diminutive Christmas trees (composed of paper) to the accompaniment of various poundings on the piano. When the music stopped, one person was left madly flying between the two rooms with no little piece of paper visible with which to gladden their eyes. The party dwindled to "Betty" and "Zim" in which Betty came off conqueror and was rewarded with one of those exasperating little trees. Next in order was an exercise in writing telegrams, using each letter of the words "Christmas Party" as the initial letter of a word in the telegram. "Zim" was judged the winner here, and was awarded a "14K solid gold pin" for this production:—"Pa is sick so Ma ain't coming home. Pretty tight times, nyhow!" Several other games were played: teakettle" (using word Christmas instead of teakettle), Buzz, Chordades. "The Gathering of the Nuts" was received with much amusement and also the game in which the food was guessed by one who knew nothing about it—based on psychological principles. Such are the games in which the Seniors indulge.

The girls were served with a light repast of delicious sandwiches, cookies and cocoa. A Houghton banner was presented to Miss Zimmerman as an expression of appreciation. In exchange, she gave the girls a lovely box of chocolates, which toothsome dainties were received with wild delight by the young ladies. After singing a few Christmas carols, the girls disbanded.

## Soph vs H. S. Girls

Last Wednesday night, December 10, the Sophomore girls defeated the High School girls in a very slow uneventful contest by a score of 23 to 17. Neither team seemed to be up to their usual form, and while there was some brilliant individual playing the teamwork was practically nihil. "Vid" Stevens supplied the scores for the High School while Matthews and Stratton did the tossing for the Sophs.

## Christmas Cantata

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The third part is before the Inn at Bethlehem. And especially outstanding number in this part was the soprano solo and men's chorus "Sleep, Little Son, O my Treasure, my all." Miss Crowell's interpretation of this lullaby was superb. Her sweet soprano was in perfect character with the part.

Mr. Hines, Turnell and Cronk all did full justice to their various solos, delighting the audience as they have so often done in the past.

Between the first and second parts a free will offering was taken. Miss Carter played the offertory at this time.

At the close of the program Dr. King presented Prof. Kreckman with a gift in appreciation of his untiring effort in training the chorus after which a flashlight picture of the entire chorus and Men's Glee Club was taken and all adjourned to the gymnasium for the Alumni meeting.



## Piano Recital Held

An excellent piano recital was held in Miss Hillpot's studio Monday afternoon, December 15. Following are the numbers rendered:

Under the Willows *Henri Bertini*  
Ruth Wright  
The Swallow *Burgmuller*  
Helen Rachel Davison  
On the Meadow *Lichner*  
Barbara Cronk  
Danse Moderne *Dence*  
Margaret Loftis  
Solfegietto *P. E. Bach*  
Lucile Wilson  
Tarantelle in A flat major. *Heller*  
Ruth West  
Invention in C major *J. S. Bach*  
Helen Baker  
Valse in e minor *Chopin*  
Florence Smith  
Tarantella in a minor *Dence*  
Ruth Lawrence  
To Spring *Grieg*  
Alice Thurber  
Norwegian Bridal Procession *Grieg*  
Lyle Donnelly

### Houghton Alumni Chapter (Continued from Page One)

to Houghton. There was no such thing as Houghton College then, but there was an Advanced Department in which there were twelve students Professor Stanley Wright, Professor LeRoy Fancher and Dean Fancher were enrolled in this Advanced Department. At that time there were the girls' dorm and the main college building on the campus. In 1908 the total enrollment was about one hundred seventy. In the twenty-two years since then the enrollment has been doubled. The faculty was nine in number, the most of whom taught in the elementary department. There was half a music teacher and half an oratory teacher, that is, one teacher for the two departments and one theological teacher. In these twenty-two years Houghton has received first her provisional college charter and then her permanent charter; she has received accreditation for her music department and now has four full music teachers. The theological department has increased so that there are now seven teachers.

Many things have changed but there are others which have remained the same. The ideals and the spirit of Houghton are unchanged. Nor has the administration changed since President Luckey returned to Houghton in 1908 as president.

President Luckey presented the needs and possibilities of Houghton in a speech which reached the hearts of every Houghton student—past and present. In Houghton we are beginning to see the realization of the dreams and ideals of those who have put their lives into the work of building Houghton College. Houghton has now reached the limit of its capacity. The classrooms and dorms are overflowing a new conservatory is needed by the Music Department. Houghton must have adequate facilities. She is on the threshold of a new era.

This fall Houghton applied for admission to the Middle States and Maryland Association of Colleges. The United States is divided into districts and each of these has an association of colleges within its limits. Cornell, Columbia, Syracuse and the University of Pennsylvania all belong to this association which has a very high rating. Houghton's case received a sympathetic hearing. In

no sense was the application rejected but action was postponed. Houghton needs an added endowment fund.

Houghton at this time is launching an expense fund campaign to be used for a financial campaign with a goal of \$250,000. There are three groups upon which Houghton can depend for help—the church, the old student body and alumni and the people living in this vicinity.

There was a time when Houghton was scarcely known outside of a radius of ten or fifteen miles. Now this is changed and Houghton has become known, not only known but respected as well. It is worthy of consideration, and respect. Houghton can secure support. With increased endowment Houghton can be visualized with an enrollment of a thousand students.

President Luckey appealed to everyone to sign the pledges for the purpose of providing an expense fund of ten thousand dollars for a financial campaign for Houghton. Pres. Luckey announced in chapel Monday that sixteen hundred and fifty dollars was pledged. With God's help may the good work be carried on so that President Luckey's hopes for Houghton may become realities.

## W. C. T. U. MEETING

The W. C. T. U. held a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Will Lapham on Friday December 12. They interchanged Christmas gifts and spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Mrs. Lee gave a report of the National Convention recently held at Houston Texas.

## High School Notes

### Mr. Hulbert Marvin Speaks at Light Bearers

There was a good number in attendance at the Light Bearers service last Sunday. After the usual inspiring song and testimony service Hulbert Marvin spoke from the text found in Prov. 23:7, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Mr. Marvin asked what the heart is. It is, he said, the entire will and being. Then he asked what kinds of hearts we have, and answered that there are only two kinds of hearts, good or bad. None can be indifferent.

The natural heart is "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Ever since the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden man has naturally had a wicked heart. Are we to blame for having a bad heart? Yes, since God has so mercifully provided a remedy. No longer is there an excuse for man remaining in sin.

If we must not have an evil heart, what kind of heart ought we to have? The Beatitudes command us to have a pure heart. More than this, We must have an understanding heart. The heart must be full of "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, etc." Above all other requirements, it is necessary to have a heart in tune with God.

Now the supreme question that Mr. Marvin asked and then answered came, "How many we gain such a heart?" This is solved by the simple formula: "Repent and believe." It is up to us whether we are happy or not. In God's great mercy He provided that we may have a pure heart, a heart that will always be happy. "Repent and believe."

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Dear Bill:

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Count de Coupons.

Dear Count:

What is your idea of the height of discomfort?  
"Question" Ayer.

Dear ?:

A deep-sea diver whose nose itches  
Count de Coupons.

Dear Count:

Do you agree with Shakespeare's sentiment "Sweets to the sweet"?  
Ling Keer.

Dear Ling:

Sure do. I'm giving my sweetheart a Frigidaire for Xmas.  
Count de Coupons.

The Count wishes all his readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Letter from Miss Shaffer

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ized. Few pupils have a complete set of books.

Do they have discipline, you ask? I have failed to find it. If a pupil is seen walking along the road about 9:30 in the morning carrying a small bucket and you ask him where he is going, he no doubt will tell you to school. You ask what time it begins and I answer about eight, but it does not matter if one is only one and one half or perhaps two hours late. The teacher as a rule has no desk and the desks of the pupils are scarce, perhaps three pupils in a double and two in a single desk. Parts of the desks are used for kindling wood or they get broken up at a "pie supper". The pupils often run the school instead of the teachers. These children can be lead but seldom pushed.

Doesn't such a condition call for something bigger and better? That is one purpose of Zion's Hill Mission. What some of the boys and girls do not know about United States geography is appalling. When I first began teaching, few of my pupils, I believe, had ever seen a map. When I hung a map of U. S. up they said it was pretty but didn't know its value. However with all this ignorance these children have quick minds and memories unless stunted by some of their poisonous liquor. Yes, I'm sad to say some of our small children have been lead to indulge.

Another thing which we are trying to impress upon their minds is personal hygiene. It is pitiful how some and yes, most of our children are neglected along this line. Usually through carelessness.

Mr. Blanchard teaches the other four grades. Some of our eighth grade pupils had finished a "free school" eighth grade but when examined and put to the test were far from prepared. Some can barely do sixth grade arithmetic well.

We begin school at 8:00 and close at 3:30. We have chapel from 8:00 to 8:30, also a period during the day is used in religious training. One

of my Primary pupils, six years of age, has memorized the books of the New Testament and has learned half of the Beatitudes and is rapidly learning the remainder. I'm afraid it would put some of the older ones to shame.

We not only try to teach the twenty some children reading and writing and arithmetic but we are trying to reach the soul life of our mountaineer friends. Every Sunday morning at 9:30 we have Sunday School followed by scripture and comments. Then in the afternoon we have a "service" either with a Young Peoples' Meeting tone or a Y. M. W. B. tone. Evening services are not well attended unless for revival services because our folks retire for the night about six or seven.

Religiously our people are rather hard to reach because many are Hard-Shelled Baptists and have their own mountain preachers, and as they say, "they are sot in their ways". At a mountain service several preachers get up and talk and perhaps the service will last for hours. There may be five preachers present and each one preaches until he is tired and another takes his place. They are somewhat like Chinese for the louder and more strenuously they preach the better it is. They do claim personal salvation but being immersed and "jining" the church is about as far as salvation goes with most of them. Is not this a needy people? Is not this place where the gospel should be preached in all its fullness and power? "What doth the Lord require of thee," is to us a challenge to preach salvation more and more as well as to live it among them.

We have a one and a half story building where we live, teach, have services Sunday and have a store where we sell second hand clothing in exchange for produce and money. We have this building all paid for except \$350 on our furnace. God surely has supplied our needs and we graciously thank Him. Our living quarters are rather small especially for sleeping, but some time in the future (not too far distant we hope) we plan to finish off the upstairs into sleeping chambers, but this demands \$500 at least and we can't furnish it so we are leaving it to the Lord. We have no place now to harbor our guests comfortably, but then we are truly thankful for as much room as we have. We also need black boards but haven't seen where they were coming from, still the Lord has no doubt.

Just now we are trying to build a chicken house but the lumber is so slow in being sawed, our basement floor also needs to be finished with cement.

May I add in closing that Mr. Blanchard must do most of this work himself as we receive very little aid from our mountaineer friends. So you see we must have another man since he teaches every day except Saturday until 3:30.

There is a great deal more I could tell you about our work here but I must close for now. Pray for us and our work.

Yours for Home Missions,  
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Christmas, 'tis a happy word,

It speaks of love and cheer,  
It speaks of more than fun and play,  
It brought the Savior here.

Christmas, 'tis a happy word:

It speaks of Christ to men,  
A Father's love to us below  
—What if it had not been?

Christmas, 'tis a happy word:

It speaks of Christ to men,  
It brought a savior to my soul  
—He makes me pure wit'in.

Christmas, 'tis a happy word;

It brought God's gift to men  
—Oh let us all receive his gifts  
And give them out again.

## What Makes a Well Read Person

That vast inundating stream which flows out through the medium of the press, is one of the most baneful and at the same time one of the most beneficent factors in human life. It brings to the very doors of our understanding a world of friends and enemies that run the whole gamut of human character, from the zero to the zenith.

From this Niagara we may drink at will. We may linger near the bank, drink the shallow waters and draw into our systems the insipid vaporings of degraded minds; or we may push out into the deeps and imbibe the sublime and invigorating outpourings of the truly great and noble.

That which will govern us in our choice, thus determining for us our source of supply, and ultimately classify us as well read or otherwise, is our motive for reading. We read either for pleasure or profit.

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for mere pleasure, we are apt to choose that literature which is easy of access and which falls most readily to the hand. We shall not care to go far afield or spend much time in our searching. That which is near the shore will satisfy us and we shall be content with the sensuous and sentimental. But if we have as our incentive the desire for profit, we shall seek, not that which lies close at hand, but rather that which will yield the profit we desire, regardless of how great the effort required to secure it may be. We shall choose to drink where the stream is deepest, where it flows clear and refined.

Our motives will determine the methods we employ in our reading. If we desire mere pleasure, we shall read widely because variety is fundamental to pleasure. We do not read a book the second time for mere pleasure, ordinarily. A book yields its fullest measure of that at the first reading. These we shall read cursorily. We have no time to study the plot or plan of the story. We do not care to enter into a detailed study of the character of the hero or the heroine; and as to sentence structure and the uses of words, we sedulously avoid any such critique. We are too anxious to get to the end of the story. We are not after technical knowledge; we are after sensation; we want thrills. But on the other hand, if we read for profit, we shall read selectively. The author must measure up to certain standards of literary art. He will have a higher motive for writing than pure entertainment; and we shall take his work as seriously as he has taken it. With due respect shall we approach and with thoroughness shall we read. The quest shall be not for thrills; not for sensations;

but for the author's thought. We shall not be in so great a hurry to reach the end, that we shall not take time to study the author's methods and means to that end. Sentence structure will not be ignored. The uses of words will be of interest to us, and we shall seize with avidity upon all scientific and philosophic statements. We shall read and reread the gems of thought, submitting them to an analytical study that shall enable us to see what the author saw when he wrote them.

The results of these methods of reading are as diverse as are the methods themselves. The former lifts the reader no higher than the motive behind it. It accomplishes its required end and then leaves us just where we began. The sensation past, the thrill gone, we are back on the same plane, if not a lower one, from which we started. And the baser elements in our natures, which set the goal for our desire, have had their way at the expense of the nobler. But the latter method bears for us a rich harvest of fruitful profit. It enriches while it enlarges our vocabulary; it increases our knowledge of the technicalities of speech, thus increases our knowledge of men and things; broadens our minds; refines our sensibilities, and sublimates the base elements in us.

In short, that which makes a well read person is first, desire for profit; second, selective reading; third, analytical study. This method enlarges the vocabulary, increases facility in the art of self-expression, extends the knowledge of men and things, broadens the mind and refines the sensibilities. The person whose reading does this for him is well read, whether he be young or old.—Selected.

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