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FOR FREEDOM'S CAUSE.

With the sun like a fire above me,
And the sky ablaze in flame;
With the air so heavy and stifling,
I'm dying from war's wild game:
In a vision fair,
Mother's face is there,
"Come thou hither, my boy!"
And in joy,
I gaze;

The place becomes dark and a curtain is drawn;
Yet in this gloom like a break of dawn
Is mother's face ghastly pale but serene,
"Come thou hither my boy!" And I see a gleam!
And my eyes I cast,
At last,
Toward home!

I am faint and so tired of warfare
As I view my home on high;
And a voice in whisper low soundeth,
"Thy sword sheath, on me rely!"
On those lips a smile,
And her look so mild,
My soul pants for the rest
With the blast
Beyond;

Unceasing in zeal we are joined heart and hand,
White is the banner of Heaven's fair land;
In the home of greatness and virtue free,
Abounding life is awaiting me;
And I banish care,
And dare
To die!

Still may freedom ring forth unceasingly
From our country's shores so dear!
May our praises rise for our boys brave
Who died without e'er a fear!
Freedom's right to save,
Hearts and lives they gave;
For the Red, white, and Blue,
Stood so true
These boys.

In peace may our banner unfurled yet wave!
Tribute to them who our lives' blood gave!
For in freedom's might is our shield and sword;
And only may we in fear afford
To surrender might
And right
To God!

Ethelmay Kelly.

"DAN" CASTNER LEAVES FOR CORNELL S. A. T. C.

There occurred on Nov. 1, at the home of Mrs Bowen a little party for "Dan" who left Monday 4th, for Cornell where he will be in Army Service.

There were many interesting features of the evening which will happily be remembered. Especially the spirit which one feels at such gatherings will be held in very sacred regard. This was not all we wanted to do for "Dan" so inasmuch as there was no service at the Church Sunday night, a number of students gathered in the Reception room, after supper, in his honor. A short program was rendered.

On Monday morning although it was raining, a goodly number of students went to the Depot to see "Dan" leave. I am sure I speak the sentiment of every student and every member of the faculty in wishing him God's speed and success in the work into which he is going.

BOB'S THANKSGIVING.

Bob was seated near the open fireplace in the cozy sitting room with Major, his faithful dog, lying at his feet. They had been out for a stroll through the pine woods and had just returned. The air was chilly outside and the glowing timbers looked cheery. Bob had made many friends during the few years they lived in town and was liked by all, but now most of the boys has been called to the service of their country during the past year and were stationed at various camps. Bob was only sixteen and had one more year in which he expected to finish his high school course. He missed his old friends and more so on special holidays, for they did have such good times together, and now Thanksgiving was here again. Bob silently mused for a while and then remarked, "Well Major, tomorrow is Thanksgiving and I expect it will be the dullest one we have ever spent." The dog looked up intelligently and wagged his shaggy tail. "There's Ralph and Tom and all the rest of the boys in Camp and they cannot come home to spend Thanksgiving with us. I know the boys will be lonely to-morrow and they will be thinking of home and Thanksgiving dinner. Say Major, I've got an idea. I'll ask Mother and Bess to help me pack boxes for each of the boys. Mother makes such delicious plum-pudding and pumpkin pies, and Bess makes the finest cake and

candy. The turkey is the largest one they had in the market, and old Mr. Perkins, the grocer, said the cranberries and celery were the finest he ever did see. My! won't the boys have a jolly time eating their Thanksgiving dinner. And Major, there's Tom's mother--she'll be lonely tomorrow without Tom. I know Mother will be glad to have her spend Thanksgiving with us. And there's Ralph's little sister--she never had a real Thanksgiving dinner in her life and I am sure Bess will be delighted to entertain her. Come, Major, let us talk it over with Mother and Bess."

Bob was up bright and early on Thanksgiving morning, ready to help where he was needed. Mother and Bess gladly consented to all his wishes and began making preparations, while Bob went to invite his guests. What a happy time they all had packing the boxes for the boys and how good the dinner tasted when they were all seated around the bountiful spread. Mother got out her finest table linen, her best china dinner set, and cut glass, and Bess ordered some beautiful white and yellow chrysanthemums from the florist and set them in the middle of the table. Tom's mother had never been entertained so royally before and expressed her gratitude with tears in her eyes, for all the kindness shown her boy and herself, and said it was the happiest Thanksgiving she ever had. Ralph's little sister's smiling face told how happy she was, but Bob could not express the glad feeling in his heart, and at the close of the day when the guests had left, Bob called Major, and patting him on the head said, "It pays to make others happy".

BIG MEETING FOR BENEFIT OF WAR-WORK ORGANIZATIONS.

A very representative gathering of the community met in the Wesleyan Methodist church on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7:45 P. M. for the purpose of raising money for the different Relief organizations of the war.

The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. Everett Doty of Geneseo, N. Y. Mr. Doty has, since our entrance into the war, driven his car over sixteen thousand miles in response to calls that have come to him to give addresses.

He spoke very earnestly and with the utmost sincerity upon the chances a young man has to make good if he only wills to do it. Nothing but laziness can keep us from enjoying the best.

Mr. Doty laid special emphasis upon the fact that this new era demands the exertion of all of our fac-

ulties and powers, if we fail to give all we have to give, how can we look the returning boys in the face and say, "We did our best?"

After the close of the address the pledges were subscribed to and our apportionment of \$600 was readily raised.

PEACE CELEBRATION.

Just as the first rays of light were streaming from the East telling the approach of day then also was the huge Seminary bell pealing forth its majestic tones of Peace to all within range of its sound. It was not long until the campus was the scene of a delirious crowd. The bell rang steadily for one hour.

At 8:30 the school began marching and marched thru the town. Then it was decided that Fillmore should be aroused so the school journeyed to Fillmore where it was met by her school. We marched up and down Main street from the Catholic church down to the big fountain. After yells and patriotic songs Houghton students went to the station and enained for Houghton. We marched then to the chapel where we had a short program. In the afternoon a base ball and two basket ball games afforded excitement. The day was very strenuous yet a serene tranquility crowned it all.

Social Christianity

WHAT CONSTITUTES A CALL TO THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.

The question that is very often asked is "what constitutes a call to the Christian Ministry?" It is indeed a question of great importance and may well be asked by many of our young people today. The question itself intimates a great responsibility and may well be considered by the individual to whom the call has been made. We realize these days, more than ever before, that a deaf ear is being turned by many to the call of God by those whom He would have as laborers in His service. The refusal of an individual to hear the voice of the Almighty, does not release him from the responsibility which God has placed upon him.

This very fact makes the call to Christian service one of vital importance. The call of God to different individuals may differ in some respects but satisfactory evidence will not be withheld from him whose heart is open to all the will of God.

There are in general, three great evidences involved in a call. 1st The consciousness in the heart and mind of the person that he ought to preach. 2nd The recognition by the church of his divine call. 3rd The providential openings which permit the person to make the necessary steps in preparing for Christian service. There may be and are other evidences but these are, as we might say, the outstanding ones. With these three great evidences clearly brought to the attention of the individual he can not fail to understand the Divine will concerning his life work. To me the testimony of the Holy Spirit to ones own consciousness is the greatest of all evidences.

Many and various are the excuses that are made by those who "refuse Him that speaketh from Heaven" but the excuse made now will not stand in the final day. An excuse that is frequently heard is that Christian service puts such limitations upon those who are engaged therein. Surely those who carry such ideas or conceptions are sadly in need of a deep experience in divine things.

Vast unexplored fields of rich treasure are lying open before the Christian minister and God has called us to mine from them the jewels which will eventually make up his kingdom.

Is there anything more beautiful than this? It is true that hardships will often confront the Christian minister, but we can expect this to some extent. No flowery bed of ease, from earth to heaven, has been provided. Paul says by inspiration in Rom. 8:18 that "the sufferings of this present life are not to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed".

Let us therefore, who have had more or less conviction on these things, be diligent in finding out the mind of God concerning us.

Gerrit Visser

"Oh guns, fall silent till the dead men hear
Above their heads the legions pressing on;
(These fought their fight in time of bitter fear
And died not knowing how the day had gone.)
Oh flaring muzzles, pause and let them see
The coming dawn that streaks the sky afar;
Then let your mighty chorus witness be
To them, and Caesar, that we make war.
Tell them, Oh guns, that we have heard their call,
That we have sworn and will not turn aside,
That we will onward till we win or fall,
That we will keep the faith for which they died.
Bid them be patient, and some day, anon
They shall feel earth enwrapt in silence deep,
To greet in wonderment the quiet dawn,
And in content may turn them to their sleep."

Open Forum

Base ball still continues to be the favorite game whenever the weather permits. Some games, too, we have for they are usually very spirited and no point gets away without being thoroughly thrashed out. The teams appear to believe in deliberate action. Much interest has been centered of late in a series of basket ball games played by the fair Dames. A team made up of home girls challenged a Dormitory team. Thus far the home girls have the better of the contest being two in the lead. The "Dorm" girls however have not despaired but are renewing their zeal and are confident that victory will be theirs the next game.

No doubt Houghton has the best type of girls in the world. If any should doubt this statement they should be classified as dissatisfied old bachelors or women haters. The girls manifest the greatest kind of school loyalty and spirit, so cheer them. For games of any and all kinds they turn out in solid mass. In fact the boys cannot hold a candle to them when it comes to enthusiasm. Houghton never saw such "pep", and "ginger" from the fair sex before, neither did Houghton ever see such a healthy lot of students, so keep it up! The boys have had their day; they have shown themselves to be too slow and not apparently interested in school life, the girls could not endure such doctrine, therefore they took the handling of affairs unto themselves. This is the way it should be; if the boys can not prove better than the girls, the boys will have to walk out and have their positions filled by a more capable sex; they are evacuating.

Some one wonders who enforces the rules found in the Red Books. The book is merely a scrap of paper; its good for nothing unless its rulings are complied with.

It may be that the regulations do not apply to all alike. It would so appear. Some who appear deserving can have no association, others allowed to break all precedents and still nothing is said or done. Oh blessed equality, thou art a jewel which has faded for most of us! We who can have no association sort of envy the excessives but it is war time so we will have to sacrifice while other indulgent creatures enjoy the fruits of it.

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Editorial

WHAT NOW?

The war, which has raged for four years and which has played such a part in affairs of the world, has now ceased. With the ceasing of hostilities there will come to not only the soldiers in the trenches but also to the civilians at home a relaxation. In a word, there will come a feeling to the individual that the war is over, that the aims for which the Allies have striven have been accomplished, that the world has again attained its equilibrium, so there is nothing left now but to be normal or settle back as we were before the war.

Pax Vobiscum! Let all who are of that mind be immediately disillusionized. The hardest and gravest task of the whole struggle is left for us to accomplish. For the last four years the greatest destructive instruments have been employed to devastate, to tear down, but now the whole system will have to be readjusted and instead of great machines tearing down the efforts of mankind it will now put itself to the slow and arduous task of building up. Of course those who have not gone to war or have been deferred are tacitly thot of as "slackers" yet what will be thot of those who fail to catch the vision of the imperative need of

this hour? All must now seized every minute crowd it as full of work as possible and keep at it, not alone for a few years but for generations to come. Only by having a world of such intelligent workers can the world be truly safe for Democracy.



The Influenza has not yet spent its force for it is just now coming to our borders. There is however no real cause for great anxiety as we have at present only one case. Every precaution which medical knowledge suggests is being carried out to the letter. Each student is required to be in the open a certain length of time. No unnecessary congregating is allowed, neither are students to go to the stores, post office or other public houses where the epidemic might be brought in by travelers. With these facts in mind parents should feel no alarming solicitude but rather feel that students are safer here than at home.

Loyalty to our Alma Mater should be one of the acquisitions of a Freshman, and each successive year should bring a corresponding fervor to the advancing student. College is much what the student body make it, so if school spirit is low college life suffers. But on the hand if life, and spirit are over-flowing, if every effort that is made is tackled with a vigor and enthusiasm that is labeled with victory then college life is wholesome and will be looked back upon as one of the earth's choicest spots. That atmosphere will create new men and new women, it will renovate old places and transform society. If there are any seeking such a place of education do not look farther for you will find it at Houghton.

DOUGLASS-HILL WEDDING

On November 13th at 7 PM at the Douglass farm home east of the village occured the marriage of Miss Anna Ruth Douglass and Rev. Charles Lawrence Hill. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. I. Armstrong of Syracuse, only the immediate families of the parties being present. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served. The bridesmaid was Miss Helen Douglass, sister of the bride, and the best man was J. Harold Douglass, brother of the bride. The bride is a daughter of Josiah B. Douglass, one of our most substantial farmers and citizens, who recently retired from active work and left the management of the farm to his sons. Mr. Hill is a Wesleyan Methodist minister and is at present stationed at Chazy, near Plattsburg in Clinton county at the extreme northern part of the state. Mr. and Mrs Hill will be at home at Chazy after December 1.

Locals

Mr. Lawrence Spencer, Seaman of the U. S. S. Minnesota is visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs C. J. Crandall and son Frederick went to Appleton N. Y. Thursday Nov. the 14th to visit Mrs Crandall's sister Mrs D. Bedford.

Mr. C. P. Lapham of Burt N. Y. is visiting friends and relatives in town for a few days.

Miss Florence Yorton of Olean spent a few days at Rev. Sicard's last week.

Helen McIntyre has gone home to have an operation.

Miss Anna Haynes spent Sunday with her relatives at Rushford. Her roommate Winifred Williams accompanied her.

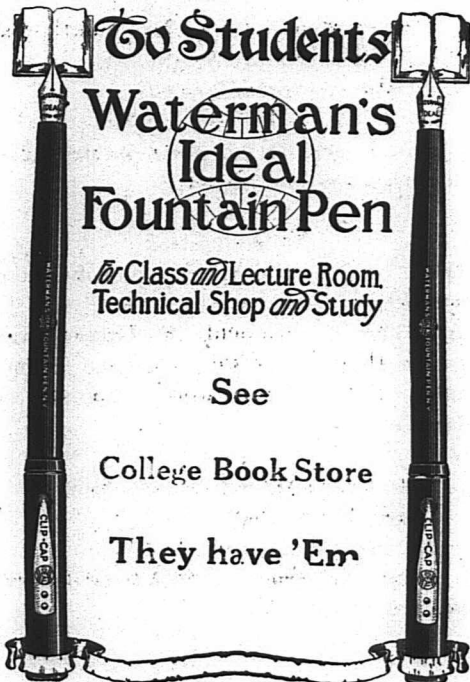
Miss Hillpot is sick with the Influenza School has been discontinued for a few days.

We are glad to see Dan Castner back in our midst.

Mr. Gordon and Miss Frances Graves have gone home to stay for over. Thanksgiving.

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romance will occur, and so it has come to
Houghton when notes are found in stumps.
If you don't believe it watch Bond as he
rushes up the point to their primitive
mail box.

If Hoover should find any food value in
face powder some of us, as H. Mac. for
instance, would be hard hit.

Miss Grange has been wondering why of
late Edwin is so anxious to help wash
dishes as he never was before. But 'tis
often said "Many hands make light work"
and especially when Gladys is there.

Prof. Coleman in Bible class - "John,
name the leading characters in the book
of Genesis."

John - "Eve".

Prof. - "Evidently you are an advocate
of woman suffrage."

Young men calling at the dorm Friday
night were highly entertained by an alarm
clock chorus.

Eddie says he is going to join the army;
probably he will join the "Banty's" regi-
ment.

Glen wonders why Miss Davis does not
play her own accomplishments. We
wonder also.

We are wondering if Mr Smith was
compelled to go by freight. He doesn't
seem able to express himself.

Miss Rogers seems more interested in
the purchase of a "Bond".

Noncommittal

Ques. Compare the government of Greece
and Persia.

Ans. The government of Greece was
better than that of Persia and the gover-
ment of Persia was worse than that of
Greece.

Pat—I hear yer wife is sick, Moike?

Mike—She is thot.

Pat—Is it dangerous she be?

Mike—No! She's too weak to be danger-
ous any more.—Ex.