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Houghton Sentiments.

Lawrence Hill.

Hark, we hear the song of angels,
On the breezes wafted round:
Unto us there comes a gladness;
God is good, His love profound.
He, it is, who gives us sunshine,
Teaches us to watch and pray;
Only His great love hath saved us,
Nearer, Lord, draw us today.

Seek us if we wander, ever,
Enter thou, our hearts, to reign:
May thy Spirit fill our being,
It shall never be in vain.
Now, dear Father, guide our footsteps—
As to make our lives a light,
Reaching out its beams to lost ones,
Yielding all, to keep it bright.

May our lives speak Jesus, only,
Ever on His promise stand,
Making Him our hope and refuge;
Onward, toward the promised land.
Rough the road may seem and lonely,
It is Christ who leads the way,
Unto us the great Example:
Mighty God, our strength and stay.

James H. Woertendyke.

It was indeed fortunate for Houghton that Mr. Woertendyke, minister, lawyer, orator, and above all, professional booze fighter, included our school in his itinerary. Mr. Woertendyke is from California, the land of sun-kist oranges and Hiram Johnson, and ordinary judgment, without any tendency to hero-worship, can safely assert that he combined at least a respectable degree of the charm of the one with the progressive vigor of the other. He is of imposing stature, has a well modulated voice, and a system of gestures which in point of appropriateness and the added virtue of being natural-esque would credit a teacher of elocution.

The speaker has half a dozen subjects in his repertoire of talks, but the one he delivered in chapel was an interfusion, with the first part on the military status and adherent problems, and the other, the facilitation of national defense by food conservation. "Let us place our-

selves subjective to the stars and stripes, to give best possible service to the spirit back of the flag," he advocated while pledging his own loyalty. "Here is an arm for an empty sleeve," he proudly proclaimed in a bit of forensic passion, "here is a body ready for an unmarked grave, and here is a person, who, if needs be, will kiss his loved ones goodbye forever." He forcibly championed our fight for democracy, and gave his ideas how the college personnel could best assist it.

For the boys who could not give agricultural aid, he advised training camps, rather than immediate enlistment in the regular military divisions. Thousands of officers are needed and from the college men must be recruited many of these. Hence officer's training camps were suggested for upperclassmen.

Giving ourselves unreservedly to the government is one thing we can do. Elimination of the revolting conditions incident to the soldier's life is another. He recounted vividly the three camp malignities—the nearby saloon, the camp-follower and the gambling resort, and urged vehemently with a conviction of first-hand knowledge that the United States government stamp them out thoroughly.

In a third way we can, in his theory, help the nation in the momentous crisis that confronts America and freedom. Annually 235,000,000 bushels of cereals, and 500,000,000 gallons of molasses are sacrificed to the insatiable appetite of Bacchus, with a remuneration credited only in the records of crime and misery. Already powerful pressure is turned toward the executive to prohibit this colossal waste of resources! Forgetting the purely moral side of the question, forgetting the unanswerable arguments of the socialists, the present emergency demands prohibition as a war measure, as expediency, itself. To bring about this result, we can petition the president and Congress, demanding that our representatives save by this single act that which will be of inestimable value to the allies and to ourselves.

E. J. H.

Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in our own sunshine.

I. P. A. Boys Report Convention

The program of the regular monthly I. P. A. meeting held Friday evening, May 4, was of especial interest to our league, since it consisted of a splendid report of their trip to Cornell and the State I. P. A. Convention by our delegates. To see eight of them occupying positions of dignity on the chapel rostrum and each in turn giving his report backed by plenty of I. P. A. "pep and inspiration" was most assuredly a convincing argument for Prohibition.

We heard of Mr. McKinley's valiant oratorical exploits again; we heard of Bryan and his forcible addresses; we heard of the adventures of their trip and of Cornell as it is today. Meeker was particularly "full of his subject" as his and Robert Kaufmann's Cornell guest evidently had a little romance connected with it. Our Editor, who accompanied the jolly crowd, thinks star-gazing is as pleasurable at Cornell as it is at Houghton.

Without exception the lads did well reporting their trip. We almost felt as if we had all been there—at any rate there is more inspiration back of our temperance work than ever before, inasmuch as Prohibition forces are now sweeping their combined might into the battle with the liquor traffic: Prohibition first as a war measure, then continuing the fight against the power of the saloon for permanent National Prohibition.

The I. P. A. at Madison, Wis.

C. Floyd Hester.

[Mr. C. Floyd Hester is a college alumnus of Houghton. He is living up to his reputation as a "live wire," combined with that sterling initiative which distinguished him here as Star business manager and I. P. A. booster. He is taking post graduate work in Wisconsin University. Editor.]

The Intercollegiate Prohibition Association of the University of Wis. organized the second semester and now has 75 members. Meetings were held once each week before the spring election. The club assisted in the City Dry Campaign which ended in a decided victory on elect-

ion day April 3, the wets being defeated by a majority of 415. The I. P. A. helped to make a canvass of the students to see that all legal voters were registered and that they did not fail to vote. 340 of the students' votes were challenged but the dry majority was so large that the liquorites will make no contest. An exceptionally large vote was cast, there being nearly 9000 in all in the city who went to the polls.

Several members of the I. P. A. spoke in some of the Madison churches and held meetings in villages near Madison where the license question was up. The President, A. L. Hodgson, and the secretary, C. F. Hester, are largely responsible for arousing an interest in the I. P. A. organization among the University students.

The I. P. A. held its local oratorical contest on April 9. F. W. Cosgrove and W. I. Cleveland won first and second prizes of \$15 and \$10 respectively. The following interesting program was given;

Call to Order by A. L. Hodgson
Music, "As Goes America" Male Octet
Oration, "The Dawn of A New Day," John C. Warner
Oration, "A Patriot's Duty," H. G. Schreiter
Music, "War, War, War," Male Octet
Oration, "An Indictment of Alcohol," F. W. Cosgrove
Oration, "A Citizen's Duty," M. G. Peterman
Oration, "The Liquor Traffic in America," W. I. Cleveland
Music, "De Brewer's Big Hosses," Male Quartet
"The I. P. A. In State and Nation," C. F. Hester
Music, "We'll Get There All the Same," Male Quartet
Decision of Judges
Awarding of Prizes
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Judges—Professors: H. G. Houghton
J. K. Bonnell
W. E. Alderman

A Dry City in a Wet State.

Madison, Wisconsin has witnessed the most extensive dry campaign this year that has ever been conducted in this city. The interesting feature of it all is the fact that the city went dry and the 62 saloons will close July 1. The campaign was managed by The Madison Dry League. Valuable assistance in the campaign was rendered by the Churches, The Y. M. C. A., The Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, and The W. C. T. U.

The dry fight was opened by W. J. Bryan who spoke at the stock pavilion Monday, January 22, to what was probably the largest crowd ever assembled in

Wisconsin to hear any public man on any occasion. It is estimated that not less than 10000 people, many of whom were from distant towns, came to hear the great commoner. Of these, 7500 sat, stood, or clung to the railings in the Stock Pavilion; 1000 waited in Agricultural Hall till Bryan finished his first meeting; and 1500 were turned away unable to get into either hall. A great crowd, a great speech, and a great occasion. In fact Bryan said it was the Greatest Prohibition Meeting He Has Ever Held. And think of it,—in a wet city of the wettest state in the Union.

The closing speech of the campaign was given by Capt. R. P. Hobson on March 29. While the crowd was not as large on this occasion as on January 22, yet the Hero of Havana Harbor drove home with telling blows the conviction that alcohol exhausts physical energy, blights future generations, destroys the particular brain cells that distinguish man from the brute, and wrecks whole nations by causing degeneracy.

Other speakers during the campaign were; Dr. Chas. M. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kans.; Father Dunn of Mau Claire, Wis.; and State Senator Richard Jones of Duluth, Minn.

Although the immediate campaign is over, yet there is need of increasing our strength to insure future victory. The churches of Madison have invited Dr. W. E. Biederwolf, a noted evangelist, to come to Madison and hold a five weeks meeting in a tabernacle erected for that purpose. The meetings began April 8. On Saturday April 21 Dr. Biederwolf preached his first "Booze" sermon. He used as an introduction, the Biblical description of the great idol Molech to which living children were sacrificed. He said that people today beat their drums and tom toms to drown the voice of their conscience so that their guilt may not seem so great. The minister gave a scathing arraignment of those who beat the tom toms of Personal Liberty, Compensation to liquor dealers, Regulation, (He said we might as well expect to catch an asbestos cat with a celluloid dog in Hell, as to solve the liquor problem by Regulation), Poor enforcement, and Revenue.

In considering the last point Dr. Biederwolf asked: "How many saloons are there in Madison?" Ans.—"62." "How much does each pay to the city per year?" Ans.—"\$500." That would equal \$31000 from all of the saloons per year. "What is the population of Madison?" Ans.—

"Over 31000." Then the revenue would average \$1 per head. "How much does an average hog weigh when ready for the market?" Ans.—"300 lbs." "What is the price of hogs per pound?" Ans.—"15 cents." Then hogs are worth \$45 per head and a little over 4000 Madison voters sold out to the saloon on April 3 at \$1 per head. You who voted for the saloon deserve to have the life of your son wrecked by the saloon and your daughter marry a drunken sot. The climax of the speech was reached when the speaker attempted to raise the American flag while extolling the noble principles for which it stands. But a large jug bearing the word "whiskey" held the flag fast to the chair. Seizing an axe Dr. Biederwolf asked the audience what should be done to the jug, the enemy of the flag. A chorus of voices answered, "Smash it." A crash followed and the flag was free.

C. F. Hester,
Madison, Wis.

Organizations

At the Athenian.

Original Number.

A program consisting entirely of original productions is a little out of the ordinary. Home talent may not always be the highest from a literary viewpoint, but it is interesting to get an insight into what our students have been doing by just a little original thinking.

We listened to a splendid poem by William Russell. The characters whereby he worked out the theme were taken from Washington Irving, thus making the treatment of the subject somewhat exceptional.

Arthur Russell's original essay on "Patriotism" was timely and sensible; we would say his ideas express the views of the public in general.

"Jonah the Second" by Miss Joselinda was, at any rate, a story with a purpose in its fling of satire against well meaning, but nevertheless deluded opponents of equal suffrage reform.

Miss Florence Kelly read a poem beautiful and touching in its religious tone and sentiment.

One of the best numbers on the program was Arthur Bryan's original story. The "path of duty" leads to the greatest rewards in life.

"It is not what we take up but what we give up that makes us rich."

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Editorial

The world is in a state of excitement. In all the walks of life men are in an unsettled condition. The political panorama presents a very unpleasant view. Its corruption enters every crevice and joint of our political machines, hastening the day of decay and rust. The very foundations of our commercial structures are crumbling, rotted by the gluttonous worm of greed and dishonesty. The dollar has made men mad.

Mid this unrest and abnormal condition of affairs our nation calls for men to fight for the defense of the rights of liberty and democracy. Now is the time for man to play fair with his fellow. We should begin at home to correct and force men to recognize the right before we proceed to go out of our borders and attempt to coerce other nations.

It is high time America is waking up. Too long has she slumbered and in a nightmare of delusion let the spirit of the age run rampant with her. She must first be true to herself. Only as our men work shoulder to shoulder, hoe to hoe, and gun to gun with all due regard for his person can America hope to succeed in this great war.

America now has no use for the flimsy backboneless creatures moved by a mere sentiment of the day. She now has no place for the indifferent unprincipled

business man who is only intent upon his own advancement. But she has a broad place for men of principle, loyalty and vision.

Would America be true to the Entente powers? Then let her be true to herself. But how can she be true to herself unless she remove all that would keep her from rendering her greatest efficiency on the battlefield, in the city and in the camp. Every American owes it to his country to remove every weight. We are in this great struggle to win because we believe we are on the right. Let us not forget however that not getting the better of another nation but the best out of our own nation is success.

Owing to the fact that the German and French type did not arrive in time for this issue we will keep our German essay and poem under guard and the French story in cold storage till the next issue.

Let's Not Forget.

"Thus saith the Lord, 'Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, wherein is the good way and walk therein.'"

The old paths are rugged. The way has been blazed by prophets and martyrs, it has led thru lions' dens and fiery furnaces, from Bethlehem to Gethsamane and Calvary—on down thru the centuries, yet the old paths have endured, and today their attractiveness is godliness and their goal is the heart of the Master whose injunction has always been: "This is the way, walk ye in it." The old paths are rugged, yet they are sure and safe; he who knows not their ruggedness, knows not their glory.

The old paths are not always popular. There is a cheaper path; it is a path of glitter and dazzle, a path of worldly amusements and worldly pretence, a path that promises ease and a perpetual comedy for the future, yet its reality is farcial and less than nothing. There is a cheaper path, but its end is fearful remorse.

It is easy to drift from the old paths. No time to pray, no time to remember Christ and his service—a receding of the spiritual and a welcoming of the worldly, next comes drifting a little farther yet—until it is very evident the outward life, gaudy appearance, frivolous actions, unconcern, carelessness, drifting—where? It is easy to drift from the old paths.

Are you drifting? For the sake of your own soul and a lost world, wake up and face the issues at stake before your own

responsibility and God condemn you.

The students of Houghton Seminary are possessors of a priceless heritage. The standard of Christian perfection has been held high in the past, the ideals of our school have been the ideals of deep piety and consecration to the cross of Christ and his kingdom. Shall we vow allegiance to it—or shall we drift with the tide, forget—and some day regret when it is too late?

Houghton Seminary is keeper of a sacred trust. Will we be true to that trust, will we follow the old rugged paths? It will pay in dividends that are immortal.

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Neosophic Notes.

At our meeting of April 27, the constitution, which has been in the hands of the faculty, was read. It will probably be adopted at the next meeting. when the Neosophic and Ionian societies will be permanently united under one head. The following numbers composed the short program of the evening.

A humorous reading was given by Mr. Bruce.

The boys of the society sang, "Marching Through Georgia."

A piano duet was rendered by Misses Parker and Lynde with an encore, so that we doubly enjoyed the duet.

M. G. M.

Senior Y. M. W. B.

The May meeting of the Senior Y. M. W. B. was held May 8, in the College chapel. After a short business session, the following program was rendered.

Mr. Laug gave a very interesting talk on the "Origin and Sources of Islam."

He spoke of the social conditions in Arabia before Mohammedanism was introduced. It was especially interesting to note the fall in the standing of women since Mohammed's time. Before then women had the right of franchise and chose her own husband. Since both of these privileges have been taken away, Mohammedan women are today little more than prisoners.

Mr. Clark Warburton discussed "Mohammed, the Prophet of Islam." He touched on Mohammed's life and work. From a poor boy, he became a leader and at the age of forty began his work.

After a song by the band, Miss Kelly read a paper on the "Spread of Islam." She told of the military method used to spread Mohammedanism and how it succeeded. Every Mohammedan is a missionary to get converts. She said that China is the greatest Mohammedan stronghold of today.

W. Fero.

Alumni Notes

Class of 1909.

The class of 1909 must have had for its educational motto, "Excelsior," for a large number of them have been graduated from higher institutions of learning and are now gracing the teacher's profession. We are glad to note also that this

class can boast of two preachers, one being a poet.

Leland Boardman, College '09, is teaching in the Stebbins Institute at Hoboken, N. Y.

Minnie Hart Frazier, Prep. '09, is living at Chester, N. J., where her husband, Prof. Wm. Frazier, is attending Drew Seminary.

Wellington Neville, Prep. '09, is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Albion, N. Y.

Ethel Hester Hanson, Prep. '09, is living among the sand hills at Seneca, Neb.

Frederica Greenburg, Prep. '09, is attending school at Silver City, New Mexico. She expects to obtain her A. B. this summer.

Harry Ostland, Prep. '09, is teaching at Winnebago, Minn.

Jason McPherson, College '09, is pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Diamond Springs. His address is 55 Church St., Coldwater, Mich. He has kindly furnished us a poem which will appear in our next issue.

C. Floyd Hester of 131½ North Chester St., Madison, Wis., also sent us an article which will appear in our next issue.

Locals

There has been a decided change in school affairs since our last issue. Many of our boys have left to work on the farm thus adding their mite to help in the war. The list up to May 11 includes—William Russell, Clarence Barnett, Robert Kaufmann, Lawrence Woods, Harold Lee, George Boice, George Laug, Earl Barrett, Robert Haynes, Merton Davis, Alexander Reddy, Max Molyneaux, Alfred Bullock, Leslie Churchill, William Kaufmann, Nimrod Long, Linford Dudley, Harvey Miner, Sam Miner, Dan Castner, Robert Chamberlain, Arthur Russell, Ray Russell, Nathan Capan, Arthur Bryan, Richard Walrath, Wallace Hanford, Guy Miller, Harry Lawrence, Roy Allen, Berton Ketch, John Bruce, Leland Smith, William Gearheart. Miss Daisy Rogers has joined the Red Cross.

A farewell meeting for the boys leaving was held in the study room of the Seminary Sunday, May 6. A very brotherly atmosphere prevailed as different fellows told what Houghton meant to them and as they prayed to God for guidance in the future.

We were glad to see our President back again after an absence of three weeks.

He reported some excellent conferences and gave us suggestions on how the efficiency of the conferences might be improved.

We regret that Miss Bolles had to leave us because of an operation. We are glad to hear that she is rapidly improving.

C. A. R.

Village Notes

Mr. R. C. Lynde and family spent Saturday and Sunday with relations in Hornell.

A party for the little folks was given Tuesday afternoon, at Phyllis Estabrook's in honor of her birthday.

Mr. Curtiss has moved from near Short Track to the Daniels place here.

Mrs. Lillian Burr spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Fox, who is sick with la grippe.

Mrs. Ricketts visited friends here recently.

Mrs. Georgie Van Buskirk and Geo. Waldorf spent Sunday at Bradford, Pa. Mrs. Waldorf is somewhat improved in health.

Among those who attended the County Sunday School Convention at Cuba, N. Y. last week were Rev. and Mrs. Whitaker, Prof. and Mrs. Hester, Pres. Luckey, Mrs. Geo. Dart and Rev. Fero.

M. G. M.

New York State Prohibition Party Gives Essay Prizes

The Prohibition Party has offered two prizes of \$20 and \$10 for the two best essays on the general subject "The Prohibition Party."

Essays are not to be more than 2000 words long and must be in the hands of judges not later than June 8, 1917. The essays are sent direct to the Prohibition Party Headquarters, 14-16 LaFayette Bldg., Utica, N. Y. For further information address Mr. Olin S. Bishop at the above address. Three copies of the essay must be sent to headquarters. No person who has won first or second prizes in the State I. P. A. oratorical contest is eligible to enter this contest and all essays must be original.

This contest is open to all whether members of the I. P. A. or not.

Who is the happiest of men? He who values the merits of others, and in their pleasure takes joy, even as though 'twere his own.
—Goethe.

In Lighter Vein

"We cannot tell how the truth may be, but we tell the tale as 'twas told to us."

Something over a month ago one of the residents of the town came home from Fillmore and reported having witnessed the following which is almost "too good to keep."

Evidently an auto load of young people from Houghton had decided to take a joy ride to Fillmore. All was very joyous indeed—going down. When the very large City of Fillmore was "done" and they were loaded with buyings for the "Sweet Buy and Buy," they started home. And this is the ending of the tale: the "Chevrolet" balked and refused to speak only in stand-still tones.

And they sat there.

Romance looked slow.

They looked dubious.

Conversation ensued:

Voice from front seat: "Looks like a case of 'Wait for the Wagon.'"

Voice from back seat: "This beats all cameras! First a finder, then a forbiddar, now a balker. Can't we coax it?"

Driver's voice: "Get up. Gee. Haw. Don't back. Get up."

Feminine voice from back seat: "Hubby, it's deaf."

Masculine voice from back seat: "Never mind, dear. I'll get out and push."

But they didn't—

And they waited—waited—

Finally:

The wise driver said: "Let's send for Meeker."

And they did.

And Meeker saved the day.

Latin Teacher: "Give me the principal parts of 'ego.'"

Smart Freshie: "Ego, egere, falli, bustum."

Hospital patient: "This is a world of paradoxes."

Nurse: "Why?"

Hospital patient: "I have a cancer. My Christian Science friend and my doctor advise me alike.

The former says: 'Forget it!'

The latter says: 'Cut it out!'

One of the auto loads to Cornell describe their trip as follows: "Killed a chicken, had a race with a calf, went thru a Painted Post, and just missed a house with ten gables, but we got there."



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When Our Poet Gets Poetical.

If I knock the "l" out of Kelly—
She'd still be Kelly to me—
Sure a single "ly" or a double "ly"
Looks just the same to R. Chamberlain's
eye!
Knock the heart out of a poet,
He can coo like a D-O-V-E—
If I knock the "l" out of Kelley,
I'd change it to L-O-V-E.

As Heard in the Kitchen Bunch.

Bula (thoughtlessly): "Wouldn't it be perfectly wonderful if a girl like I came into a fellow's life?"

Dick (unconcerned): "Yes, it might be 'perfectly wonderful' if she kept on going out just as fast as she came in."

Mrs. Bowen: "Mr. Leete, in what voice is this verb?"

Mr. Leete: "Soprano, I think."

Arthur R. (coming home in car from Cornell): "I'd rather talk to boys than to girls."

Barrett: "Why?"

A. R.: "The girls look at me like they want me to shut my mouth."

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