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"Today if ye shall hear His voice  
harden not your heart."

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## Purple-Gold Series Likely to Open March 2nd

A strenuous class series having passed into history, thoughts of the athletically inclined are once more turning to the annual Purple and Gold basketball series, the greatest athletic classic of the year. There is much discussion as to the outcome but it is significant that few, even the most radical supporters of either color, are heard to assert boldly that their favorite will be easy victors. The Gold boys' outstanding success for three years would probably give them a shade the better of any forecasting that the prophets might attempt. Remaining from last year's squad there is, Captain Charlie Howland, Dyer, Horton, Mix, Roth, and Clark. Mosher, Donahue, and Hussey, who were numbered on the long list of ineligible last year, are said to be all set for the struggle next month and these together with a list of "promises", round out a fine squad. The Purple has the veterans, of last year's squad, Pete Steese, Lane, Fox, Homer Ferro, and Kemp, in addition to whom there are Scott, another of last year's eligibles, Kingsbury, Albino and Austin, and others whom a question of ineligibility will not permit to mention. One very promising as well as encouraging feature of this year's series is that to all appearances, each captain will be able to place a full squad on the floor at the outset, a feat that the stringent eligibility rules has made impossible for the two previous seasons. The two girls' teams are also, to all appearances, quite evenly matched. It seems safe to state that each will enter the series at least as strong as last year and in all probability stronger. The Purple can apparently, if they so desire, play the same team that captured the last two games of the series last year. Driscoll, Loftis, Folger, Ackerman, Bacon, and Fancher are all on the practicing squad this year. Besides these veterans of a winning team there are several brilliant newcomers who, it seems very likely, will be playing pretty regularly next month.

The Gold girls appear almost as well fortified, with Anderson, their captain, eligible this year, and with Dibble, Albino, Cole, Molyneaux and Crouch of last year's regulars, they appear to be strong contenders. The above named are also reinforced by a strong list of new players.

The dates for the games have not yet been approved either by the Athletic Association or by the Faculty; however the executive committee has suggested the following dates the most of which will in all probability be accepted:—March 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd and 25th. Four out of seven games decide the series.

Watch the next Star for authentic announcement of the dates and probable starting line-up.

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## William Forkell Coming Next Week

The people in Houghton who heard Doctor William Forkell last year will be delighted to learn that he is to return on Tuesday evening, February 22. Many who missed his other talk desire to attend after hearing the enthusiastic comments which greeted his first appearance here. It is our opinion that there will be few vacant seats. We like Doctor Forkell, we like what he said, and feel that what he has to say will be worth anyone's time and money.

A lecturer encounters many interesting experiences in his wandering up and down the country. One night in a western New York town, while on his way to the hall, Dr. William Forkell passed a pool room before which were loitering the usual group of boys and young men. One of the boys passed a remark "that's the guy" which was overheard by Dr. Forkell. Approaching them he said, "Boys, if you have any sporting blood, 'I'll lay a wager with you.' Of course this aroused their interest. 'I'll pay the way of every one of you into my lecture tonight, and if you don't like it you can get up and walk out and get your money back at the door.' They took him up. The good townspeople were astonished to see twelve of the most unruly members of the town gang slouch in and occupy the front seats. Later, when they heard the story, they remembered that none of the boys left the hall, or demanded their money back. Dr. Forkell said in discussing the incident that it was the most sincere

On Wednesday evening, he is to present "Jean Valjean, or The Victory of a 'Defeated' Man," the same lecture which so thoroughly interested the boys.

## In Praise of Lincoln

Excerpts From His Own Speeches

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing. Work, work, work is the secret of success."

"Having chosen our cause without guile and with pure purpose let us renew our trust in God and go forward without fear and with manly hearts."

"Let us neither express nor cherish any hard feelings toward any citizen who by his vote has differed with us. Let us remember that all American citizens are brothers of a common country."

"Here we highly resolve that this nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the light, let us strive on to finish the work we are in."

"Let none falter who thinks he is right; then he may succeed. But if he fails he will have the proud consolation of saying that he never faltered in defending the cause that his judgment approved and his heart adored."

"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this is no democracy."

"Let us not be slandered from our duty by false accusations against us nor frightened from it by menace to ourselves. Let us have faith that right makes might; and in faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."

"May God make us worthy of the memory of Abraham Lincoln."—Phillip Brooks.

We would like to call your attention to an error in last week's issue of the Star. The poem, "Our Genesee" written by Miss Parsons was for the twenty-eighth annual dinner of the Society of Genesee, which took place at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, instead of Perry, New York.

## The Revival

How thankful we ought to be for another privilege of special services. These days when men are too busy for God and too self-sufficient for holiness, how favored we are to receive the light and the emancipating power of the full gospel. Rev. Fairbairn is declaring the Word without compromise or fear. The seeking and obtaining of holiness have so far constituted the main character of work of both afternoon and evening meetings.

Some students and faculty members have felt the weight of prayer more than formerly and still the need of the students for God would crush the human were it fully realized. The enemy is putting up a desperate fight, as usual, but he can't stop prevailing prayer. We believe that this is a time when God calls every professed Christian to show his devotion to Him by putting God to the test as did Elijah of old. Surely, heaven's doors still open to those who boldly assail them.

Jesus is coming soon! Houghton are you willing to let Him find you as you are today? Do you not care if a large percentage of your student body is unsaved? Can you meet the King with honesty and clearness concerning your duty to others? Your mission is to live and spread scriptural holiness; are you doing it? Avail yourself of God! Friends we solicit your prayers.

## Why Attend the Library Concert

One of our faculty members a few years ago said that "everybody wants to get his money's worth except in education." By this she meant that we're always glad when one of our "profs" will excuse us from class. Perhaps that statement is true. At least the first part of it is. Everyone does want his money's worth. On February 25, 1927 students of Houghton College will have a chance to get twice his money's worth. How can this be done? Attend the Library Concert.

Just the other day I heard one of the girls praising a reading that was given by one of our own students at the Library Concert last year. Perhaps, students, next year at this time you will hear someone mentioning the program of this year and you will be sorry you missed it. I know that on the morning of February 26 you will be sorry. This program is entirely put on by Houghton students. This is one time when the oratory and music departments display their talent—also, the men's glee club and the orchestra will render numbers.

But how do we get twice as much as our money is worth? Do you know where all of the profits of this program go? Yes, to buy more books for our library which will often make our studies easier and more interesting. Therefore, students, we will not only be spending an enjoyable evening, but we will be helping to enlarge our library.

## Student Body Officers Elected After Much Voting

President—Howard Bain.  
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Pianist—Jane Williams.  
Cheer Leader—Oliver Christy.

## Cairo

By Mehemet Ali

Madam President, and members of the Senior Class: It gives me great pleasure to be with you on this occasion and to bring you sincere greetings from Cairo.

It is difficult to give a word picture of Cairo. The colorful sunset and the soft brown of the desert sands are best described by a master in oil painting. Found in this picturesque city is a mixed population. Every race found at the Tower of Babel seems to have

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## W. M. Church Announcements

Sunday School	10:00 a. m.
Class Meeting	11:00 a. m.
Morning Preaching Service	11:30 a. m.
Young Peoples' Meeting	6:45 p. m.
Evening Preaching Service	7:30 p. m.
Thursday Evening Prayer Service	7:30 p. m.

## Thoughts from Evangelist C. V. Fairbairn

February 9, p. m.  
Text: Luke 11:13.

Topic—An asking Church; a Bestowing Father.

The measure of the power of a church is in proportion to its prayer life. Tarrying is praying with unanimity and singleness of purpose, not passive but active purpose. When the church prays, God pledges himself to do what would not otherwise be done. A fasting and praying church will receive authority from heaven. The church has a right to the blessing, the Holy Ghost anointing. If the primitive church needed it, we need it. We need a revival of ascending prayer and descending power. It isn't more work we need, but we need to stop working as we are and work right. Get linked with the Power House.

February 10, p. m.

Text: Eph. 1:13; Rom. 8:7.

Topic—The Spirit, its power; what it means to the individual and the Church.

Jesus left the Spirit to guide into all truth, not to run to others for directions. He can make his own dealings plain. There is a motive power in the Spirit. Didn't Jesus mean what He said by the words, "greater works shall they do"—then let us avail ourselves of it. There is no virtue in former days. It we pay the price, the God of heaven is still the same. Virtue lies in the attitude of our hearts now. Disobedience holds us off. Obedience is walking in the light.

In our hearts is the principle of anarchy which is not subject to the law of God. Signs of this anarchy are supreme selfishness and the fear of men. Abandonment and confession to God will meet His requirements. Christ's measure of consecration ought to be ours. The Great Purger wants to come!

February 11, p. m.

Text: Eph. 4:22-24.

Topic—Two things to do: Put off, Put on. If we are honest, we (believers) will find a stirring of something in us that would like to upset everything of God. Holiness means the restored image of God in the heart of man. Carnality in the saved man does not reign, as in the world, but remains in him; in the sanctified it is eliminated. Carnality has various manifestations, some attractive to man, others not so attractive. Pride, one of these manifestations, is a good thing (self-respect) run to the devil.

How can we put off the old man? We can disown him by our own will, and confess him out. We are losing the vision of holiness, that is the reason for so little of it. Put yourself out, put forth effort, exercise faith. Faith cannot co-exist with anything we know is wrong.

February 12, p. m.

Text: Acts 2:38.

Amusement originated to help men keep from thinking. In man's heart is a longing that fun and the world can't fill; it is a hunger for acquaintanceship with God. Jesus prayed for his disciples to have love, joy, and soul unity. The Holy Ghost is the great, active, potential agent. We shall receive it by (1) being sure of justification, (2) by repenting. Repentance comes by listening to the truth, by believing then by acting, by quitting sin, and being baptized. Baptism is an emblem of a clean separation from the sins of the past. Lots of us would like to get the Holy Spirit, but

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## EDITORIAL

There is a great difference between knowing Christ and knowing about Christ. To know Christ is life eternal; to know about Christ may or may not result in salvation, depending wholly upon the presence or absence of action based upon that knowledge.

It is not our purpose here to deal with the importance of knowing Christ; we are content to pass on, after merely remarking the importance, the absolute necessity (so forcefully brought to our attention of late), of the personal touch of the Master, to a consideration of knowledge about Christ. We cannot over emphasize the necessity of knowing Christ; however, in ascribing to this direct, personal knowledge the primary necessity which undoubtedly belongs to it, we must not forget the "knowledge about" Christ altogether. In our zeal for what is called experimental Christianity, we must not belittle the value of the knowledge about Christ which has been handed down to us in the Christian scriptures. We cannot dismiss, as many of extremely liberal views and many who lay too great stress upon their interpretations, perhaps erroneous, of their own personal experiences—the two extremes of religious thought, liberalism and fanaticism—would have us, the doctrinal truths of Christianity. We must not forget the authority of the Scriptures, and must not fail to question any personal experience, or any interpretation of any personal experience, which seems at variance with scriptural truth. It is true that we err at times on the side of too great inflexibility in doctrine, forgetting that God cannot be held to any certain procedure in his dealings with individuals; it is equally true, however, that we are prone to forget that there is a standard given us by God, to the light of which we are to bring all things.

Let us try all things, and let us be very sure that that to which we hold fast is good.

In the midst of the various duties and fields of activity in which we find ourselves moving and working, the lives of two magnanimous individuals are brought to our remembrance. Especially during this delightful month of February, there passes through our veins the deep consciousness that two great men have lived, loved, and labored for America, their highly esteemed fatherland. The names of Washington and Lincoln need no detailed explanation, for those words are firmly imbedded within the mind of every school boy in the early, tender years of his life.

Inasmuch as the day marking the birth of Abraham Lincoln is past, but with all due respect and honor to his memory, we shall consider more particularly the life of George Washington, often given the appellation, "father of his country." Countless ages pass into oblivion, but the memory of the lives of great men, flourishes and ever rests in the hearts of succeeding generations. Somehow Washington had a greatness that is inexplicable. It is not because of his great military genius, or because of his brilliancy as a scholar, nor yet because of his famous orations, or his skill in the science of government. It has been said by many that he stands alone in his grandeur like some mountain peak in a range of smaller hills. But, it seems to me, that that is not the spirit which Washington showed. In all the activities of his life he was true, modest, reliable, but unassuming. I believe that the lesson we may learn from the life of Washington, is that generosity, unselfishness, and service, are the ideals of American civilization. These are the qualities that cause men to be remembered, and we might well say with Henry Cabot Lodge, "That nation has not lived in vain which has given the world Washington and Lincoln, the best great men and the greatest good men whom history can show."

## Have You Heard That

Lillis-Clark has been ill with tonsillitis.

Mrs. Whitaker has been ill with the "flu".

Mrs. Luckey, who has been quite ill, is better.

Harold Willis was called home by the death of his grandmother.

Lloyd Angley was called home Wednesday by the illness of his mother.

Arthur Yetter has the "flu". He is being ably cared for by Frank Lane.

We are sorry to hear that Roma Lapham is ill at the Warsaw General Hospital.

Mrs. E. Marthway of Nunda is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. David Anderson for a few days.

Margaret Williams, Katherine Jennings, and Bertha Williams were in Buffalo over the weekend.

Miss Gretchen Mind of Medford, Mass., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crocker for a few days.

Mrs. Dudley and children of Medina, have been visiting Mrs. Dudley's parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nieman, and son of East Aurora spent the week-end with Mrs. Nieman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Lupton.

Rev. Louisa Gifford, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Olean, and an alumna of the class of '26, has been visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcox of Johnstown, Pa. are the parents of a girl, Barbara Ruth, born February twelfth. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox are both alumni of Houghton.

Because of the curiosity concerning the poem "Ode to H. H." which appeared in the columns of the *Star* last week, we might state the possibility of James Hubert Ake as the author.

We wonder if Van sent Ivah a valentine this year.

## Who's Who-in Houghton

We have good news yet bad news to report about one of our absentee faculty members. Miss Bessie Fancher, who is now attending the University of Buffalo informs us that she will not be back with us next year as we hoped for she has decided to go on and get her M. A. degree. She may take this work either at Buffalo, Columbia, or Chicago.

Miss Fancher taught in Houghton high school several years and held a very warm spot in the hearts of her pupils. To these this news will not be especially pleasing.

We have heard that Miss Fancher is making good progress in Buffalo and that she passed her first semester exams with honor. We congratulate her on her success and are glad she is going on, but we will miss her. Although now she is in the midst of non-religious influences, she is standing firm in the Old Faith. We hope she will again be back with us better able to guide young lives in their preparation for life.

## Does History Repeat Itself?

May it not be so.

A year ago, a former Houghton student who was too economical to subscribe for the *Boulder*, sent his little boy to borrow the copy belonging to his neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a stand of bees, and in ten minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His father ran to his assistance, and, failing to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into that, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy and ruining a \$4.00 pair of pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence, got into the cornfield and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing a racket, the wife ran out, upset a four-gallon churn full of rich cream into a basket of little chickens, drowning the entire hatch. In her haste she dropped a \$25.00 set of false teeth. The baby, having been left alone, crawled through the spilled milk and into the parlor, ruining a \$20.00 carpet. During the excitement, the oldest girl ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up eleven setting hens, and the calves got out and chewed the tails off four fine shirts on the clothes line.

Moral: Subscribe for the *Boulder* now, and avoid such a catastrophe.

## Snarks From a Joke-smith's Anvil

In a certain part of Alabama, a colored pastor had made himself extremely unpopular with his congregation. When his unpopularity was at its height, the time for the annual election of preachers came around. The reverend called his flock together.

"Brethren and sisters," said he, "all who wants me for their pastor for another year will please say I."

No one wished him back, so consequently there was a death-like silence. However, the pastor was not daunted. He waited for a moment and then cried:

"Ah, ha, silence gives consent. I see yore pastor annuder year."

The professor was trying to demonstrate a simple experiment in the generation of steam. "What have I in my hand?" he asked.

"A tin can," came the answer.

"Very true. Is the can an animate or inanimate object?"

"Inanimate."

"Exactly. Now can anyone tell me how, with this can, it is possible to generate a surprising amount of speed, and power almost beyond control?"

One student raised his hand.

"Well, Smith?"

"Tie it to a dog's tail."

A young country minister, noted for his jollity, was dining at a farmhouse one Sunday, and when his plate of roast chicken was passed to him, he remarked facetiously, "Well, here's where this chicken enters the ministry."

"Hope it does better there than it did in lay work," rejoined the bright boy of the family.

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On slippery days these freaks of the commercial and economic world perform some of their best antics and capers; at least it was so in the "chariot of fire" I rode in.

Flat tires, no tools, no pump, and not even a jack start things that occasionally might end in a junk yard. At the top of a long hill, paved with asphalt and very slippery on a drizzling, rainy day, I had a flat tire, and with no implements to fix it I had to pull it off by hand.

Thinking everything would be rosy, I started down the slippery trail with three tires and a rim for the fourth. After I started the "thing" I could not stop it until I reached the middle of the hill. Then I started again.

Using every lever the Ford had with no results, I trusted to Providence. At the head of the hill I went around side ways and with tongue between my teeth and eyes popping out of their sockets and my hands grasping the wheel like a drowning man, I sailed gloriously toward destruction.

I completed the turn without halting the car, which contained a nervous individual. I still went very fast. Sliding and slipping with wheels going backwards and forwards, alternately, I finally reached the bottom, not to stop but to keep on going for practically a hundred yards only to end in a grand and glorious conflict with another Ford, which instantly collapsed like the "One-Hoss-Shay".

Cassius Conner

**The Art of Self-Expression**

*A speech delivered by Herbert Demosthenes Strapp on the occasion of his visit to his Alma Mater after an absence of ten years; he being at that time the Vice President of the United States of America.*

Date of speech; February 4th 1927  
Where delivered: in the University Chapel.

Madam President; Faculty and Students:

It is not with any spirit of condescension or feeling of superiority whatever, that I rise to respond to the magnificent reception. I am quite flattered by what has been said by your president. As I look back over the brief period of ten years and recall those happy student days when I sat in those very seats; and when I recall the conception I then had of what my life would be and consider that in that short space of time I have risen to the second highest position in the greatest nation of the world, I am amazed although of course it is no surprise to those who knew me. Every body said I was like mother's bread, "bound to rise".

While I cannot refrain from commending you for your ability to recognize a great man when you see one, yet I have no wish to make myself boring to you by devoting my time to speaking of my own greatness.

I hope to say just a few words relevant to the subject "The Art of Self-expression". Let me say first of all, the measure of your success in life is determined by the degree to which you perfect yourself in this art.

Of course this subject has many phases; but I have no intention of treating them all now, I wish to deal only with that phase which concerns our speech. Those of you who have had the privilege of visiting Washington and attending a session of Congress will no doubt have observed some politician seeking to express himself through the medium of speech. I have been greatly amused, while presiding over the Senate, to hear some would-be orator, trying his wing in a speech. You have noticed the same thing I have noticed; that is, that his wings were loaded with so many huge words and ponderous sentences, and he sought to fly through such devious intricacies of speech that he failed utterly to get his thoughts across to the hearers. Now you know as well as do I that simplicity is the art of beauty and beauty is the art of expression so then the art of self-expression through the medium of speech lies in simplicity of language.

It is a common fault of young and vigorous

minds that they clothe and adorn their thought with words of vague and incomprehensible meaning, so I want to leave with you the dying words of a great orator which I sincerely hope you will remember long after you have forgotten me and every thing else I have said today.

"When promulgating your esoteric cogitations, or articulating your superficial sentiments, or making your platitudinous observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a glorified conciseness, a compact comprehensibility, a co-alescent consistency and a concatenated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jejune habiliments and asinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations possess intelligibility with veracious vivacity without rodentate or phantasmical vomit. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous probity, setaceous vacuity, ventri logical verbosity and veritilugent rapidity. In short speak plainly and don't use big words."

—Library Concert, February 25, 1927—

**Heaven**

There is a land of pure delight,  
Where saints immortal reign;  
Infinite day excludes the night,  
And pleasure banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides,  
The never-withering flowers;  
Death like a narrow sea divides  
This heavenly land from ours.

Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood  
Stand dressed in living green:  
So to the Jew old Canaan stood,  
While Jordan rolled between.

But timorous mortals start and shrink  
To cross this narrow sea,  
And linger shivering on the brink,  
And fear to launch away.

Oh! could we make our doubts remove,  
These gloomy thoughts that rise,  
And see that Canaan that we love  
With unclouded eyes—

Could we but climb where Moses stood,  
And view the landscape o'er,  
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood  
Could fright us from the shore.

Isaac Watt

**Excerpts From Stars of By-Gone Days**

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The prayer services, held in the theological room every Monday afternoon, have been seasons of special blessing. One brother recently testified to an especial endowment of power and victory in his life.

The days work is always begun by invoking the blessing of God upon our efforts.

F. H. Wright ate his birthday dinner February 28, 1911, at his father's home.

The college department held a meeting in which they discussed and adopted their society constitution. A committee was appointed to present it to the faculty, who afterwards, gave a favorable vote on it. Thus the College Society has been hatched and will soon be ready to fly. But it will not be the kind which soars and soars until it is so sore that it cannot soar.

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## CAIRO

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migrated to this city.

The mixture of races has produced a medley of the coinage. If on arriving in Cairo, one should desire an Egyptian shawl and should send to a shop for it, his servant would without doubt return and inform him that the price of this article is two sovereigns, one Napoleon and fifteen piasters. It would require paper and pencil to ascertain the exact price of the article and by the time the calculation was finished, the value of the fluctuating piaster might have changed again and all the reckoning need to be adjusted once more.

A grand occasion is the sending of the celebrated carpet to Mecca. The sacred carpet is placed in a pyramidal structure, which is bound upon a camel's back. A long procession follows in the rear—the Royal Guards, troops, high officials and the Cairenes. The people follow the company to the outskirts of the city and give it a good send-off. It is believed that any person who touches any part of the structure, or any of the robes that cover it, will lead a charmed life. Hence every year crowds gather around, pushing and jostling in their earnest endeavor to touch the sacred object. From their windows above the street, ladies let down scarfs and shawls in the hope of touching it. When the carpet reaches Mecca it is placed in a designated temple. The next year another carpet is returned to Cairo.

As in some other Oriental countries, so it is in Cairo that mourners are hired to lament for the bereaved family. There are groups of professional mourners, who, while carrying on a funeral *Fest* will cry and shriek, scream and tear their clothing in wild grief, but the moment their stipulated time is fulfilled, they fall to talking about their earnings, or perhaps they go on to another burial.

Marriage is another highly celebrated occasion. The bride-to-be is placed in a wooden structure on a camel's back, after which she is roughly carried around the city. She has no fine time of it. A large following of friends and interested people attend the procession celebrating and making merry all the while.

Divorce is a much simpler ceremony. A man needs merely to say in the presence of witnesses, "Woman, I divorce thee," and it is so.

Cairo has a group of dancers called Gharvazi girls. Their method is peculiar. The feet never leave the floor, but are planted firmly in one position while the dancer writhes and twists in unbelievable contortions.

The dread disease, ophthalmia (inflammation of the eyeball), is prevalent in Egypt. In order to prevent this disease from attacking their little ones, the mothers never wash their children's faces. Soon the small faces become repulsive, so covered are they with grime and cobwebs. Insects and filth are matted in their eyebrows and hang down over their eyes. For this reason, nearly all of the lower class in Egypt have weak eyes and defective vision.

Although it is against the Mohammedan faith to erect monuments and statues, Ismail did so. He borrowed money from European lenders and hired a French sculptor. After erecting several memorials, he lost his throne and was unable to complete his project.

There is an idea prevalent that Orientals have a fear of electric cars. If you were to visit my native Cairo, you would probably be astonished at the number of Cairenes who ride on the trolleys. They have not the least fear of the cars; on the contrary, they are intensely interested in everything electric.

In conclusion, I extend to you all a cordial invitation to visit me in Cairo where my servants will aid me in bestowing upon you every grace of hospitality. I thank you!

(Editor's Note:—This is a Travelogue based on Present Day Egypt by Penfield and delivered by Homer Fero before the English IV class).

—Library Concert, February 25, 1927—

Prof. Wright (in Freshman Bible Class) "Suppose that I should have a case of appendicitis on my hands—"

Student—"Why, prof., you could join the circus."

## THOUGHTS FROM EVANGELIST

C. V. FAIRBAIRN

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we wait for a remnant; we don't want to pay the price.

Feb. 13th a. m.

Texts: I Peter 1:16; II Kings 4:9.

Subject: Holiness.

Holiness is God in man. Holy men have been found down through the ages. Some impressive marks of holy men are: (1) complete surrender to God (most of us would rather manage our own circumstances, rejoicing over a few and pouting over the rest) (2) devoted to God; (3) humility; (4) power and unction.

Personal Questions: Is your life like Eli-sha's? Can you say, "I am nothing more nor less than grace has made me"? Are you the pattern of His workmanship? Are you completely obedient to God? Are you devoted to Him? Are you instant in prayer, concerned about others; do you feel for the lost? Is intercession with prayer the breath of your life? Are you in love with God's Word? Do you live close to God and abide in Him? Have you self-effacing, self-denying humility?

Religion is a practical Something that can afford to be investigated. Christians, you invite inspection.

February 13th, p. m.

First Text: II Timothy 4:2. "Preach the Word."

Preachers must answer for the truth they handle. Some accidents in life that one faces when preaching are: the accident of birth, of position, of wealth, of advantages, of culture, and of education. Yet there is only one class—the lost! For all there is only one Jesus, one fountain of cleansing, one royal road of the Cross.

To preach the Word one must preach separation, self-denial, radical change of heart or new birth, restoration, and the truth's about the Holy Spirit. Only as Houghton College sticks to Holiness and Wesleyan Methodism has she a right to exist.

Illustration: Matt. 27:24. Dwell deep!

Second Text: Isa. 47:7. No preacher ought to preach any message that did not first burn in his own heart. We are living in an ease-loving day; but we must deny ourselves and take up our cross or we cannot be disciples. God puts a curse on the man who uses the short measure.

February 14th, p. m.

Text: I Kings 18:38.

God gave to Israel what cost Him something; in return He asked them, and now asks you, to leave others to love Him only. They were fickle.

If the Old Book has any light whatever on the subject that concerns you, you need ask no one, not even pray for more light. The man or woman who begins to give in to loved-ones in a way that is contrary to the expressed will of God, has taken a long leap toward a God-forsaken life. You need not look for worldlings to be good Christians. We are living in an age that begs for compromise, that is full of it. Compromise is the eternal enemy between God's ideas and the world's. If we pretend to walk with God, let's walk. There is lots of difference between the Spirit-filled and the spirited; between the Spirit and human energy. Ought we not to be ashamed when we think how we have used every energy but left prayer alone? Before you can prevail with men, you have to prevail with God.

The world has an absent Bridegroom who laid down his life for the Bride who is now lying asleep in the enemy's arms. Many people want to use up both ends of the candle and throw the slough in God's face.

Has the offense of the Cross ceased yet? Apostolic holiness is a test of character. It takes more backbone than nine out of ten have to take the Cross and walk with the Nazarene. You bear the shame of the Cross, Wesleyans, you might as well have the glory.

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