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DR. MAGUIRE SPEAKS AT THE DORN.

We were especially favored at the evening worship hour at the Dorn when Mr. Maguire consented to speak to us. He talked from Luke 23:33, "And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left." His subject was "The Three Crosses of Calvary," and was developed in a rather unusual way. The first cross, that of the thief who railed on Christ, was the cross of selfishness; the second, whereon hung the repentant thief, was the cross of self-surrender; and the third, the cross of Christ, was the cross of self-sacrifice. Mr. Maguire further developed the subject by saying that the man on the first cross was dead in sin, the one on the second cross was dead to sin, while Christ's death caused the death of sin. Beside these, he drew a third set of parallels, saying that the first man died losing life, the second died receiving life, and Christ, the third, died giving life. One illustration which Mr. Maguire used was especially impressive. A beautiful, well-educated, young girl felt the call to be a missionary to Africa. Her father, however, objected seriously to her going. But one Sunday his pastor took for his text, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Deacon Collins was struck by the words, and decided that he would present his body a living sacrifice. When he had wholly yielded himself to God, he was willing to let his daughter go, while he stood behind her with support. It was thus that Louise Collins went to Africa to do so much good. She died there, at last, and when Mr. Maguire took her Bible home to her father, Deacon Collins said, with tears streaming down his cheeks, "I have four more daughters, and if God wants every one of

them to fill an African grave, He shall have them."

Mr. Maguire spoke in a very earnest and forceful way, and we enjoyed his talk very much, indeed. Not only did we enjoy it, but we were also helped by it, and brought nearer to Christ.

E. H. W.

THE REVIVAL MEETING

During the past few months many prayers have been offered up for a revival of old time Salvation in Houghton and we have many reasons to believe that the Lord has been both hearing and working. Arrangements were made for a series of special meetings which began December sixth and continued through two weeks, closing December twentieth.

We counted it a great privilege during this time to lay aside the less important duties of life and devote our time and strength to the work of the Lord.

Bro. Shea, the evangelist, returned to Houghton with much of the revival spirit and preached from night to night the pure and simple Gospel, which had its effect upon the people.

Many of our young men and women sought the Lord for both pardon and purity. Some received definite help, and we are glad to say returned to their homes at vacation time with real and true joy.

However the work did not stop with these. A number of the older members in the church went down before the Lord and helped to bear the burden of the meeting. We truly praise God for all that He has done for us. Yet, we are not satisfied to rest here. We believe that He is able to do exceedingly abundantly, above all that we may ask or think. Revivals of today come in exactly the same way as those of bygone days; that is through much prayer. Surely we as a church and people cannot afford to be ordinary when God can make us extraordinary.

F. A. B.

"WITH AN IRISHMAN THROUGH THE JUNGLES OF AFRICA"

MR. MAGUIRE RELATES INTERESTING EXPERIENCES

Mr. Maguire is a large Irishman with a large heart and a large voice; all of which serves to give his great experiences great interest and great force.

He preceded Roosevelt into Africa by twenty years, which he said, after elaborating upon the greatness of Roosevelt, is one case in which the Irish beat the Dutch. He entered the continent by way of the Kongo. Seeing an American flag at a certain inland town, he pulled off his hat and expressed himself in a good American cheer. Thereupon an Englishman standing by, and wishing to get credit for the English flags that were flying, asked what was the matter with the Union Jack. "The Union Jack," replied Mr. Maguire, "is all right, but do you want to know why the stars in the American flag seem to me so much like the stars of heaven?" Tommy didn't know, so he was promptly informed that it was because there was no power on earth could pull them down.

We were very much interested in a canoe song which he sang in the native tongue and in their own wild expressive manner. We could really see dusky forms dipping their paddles in rhythm with his as the water swirled by their canoe on the depths of the river in the wilds of the dark continent.

One thing which all must meet in African jungles is snakes; great large ones, and many of them poisonous. One skin of those exhibited was that of a snake shot by him just too late to save a servant from being bitten. The wound was promptly lanced till it bled freely. The victim immediately became so wild that they were forced to bind him to a tree. He was given a heavy dose of strychnine, and after a few days he died in great agony.

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The poem entitled "Christmas T" is a Happy word," that appeared in the last issue, should be credited to Cecil Russell.

Current News

As its Christmas gift the Sunday School, thru the several classes, contributed \$112 for the support of five boys in the boy's school at Bingkola in Africa. The King's Daughters raised the record amount of sixty-six dollars.

About 60 students gathered at the Fancher home on the old seminary hill Christmas night, in response to the invitation of the Fancher faculty members. Each one had purchased an inexpensive present which was placed on the tree. Two of the games were in the nature of contests. One was the determining of things such as camphor, talcum powder, ammonia, by the odor. Another was the guessing of 18 different advertisements by the symbol or phrase usually employed, such as "Eventually, Why not Now?" Before the gathering broke up refreshments of coffee and nabiscos, with apples were served, followed by a brief program.

Most students and all teachers from a distance have gone home for the holidays. The hill is quieter and the "dorm" has only five "inmates," including the matron. Among the few who remain are the Bascom brothers and Earle Wheeler of the White and Green Mountains respectively, the Misses Ellingwood and Kitterman of Indiana, and the Misses Hampe and Brecht of California.

A new fad has been started in Houghton. Boys, when you carry a girl's suitcase to the train remember it is the style to go at least as far as the first station with her. Joseph Clinefelter, John Hester, Fenno Densmore and a few others were the originators of this idea.

Ruth Kellogg prep '19 is home from her school in Michigan.

Miss Belle Moses who teaches in Belleville is home for vacation.

Glenn Molyneaux, senior at Oberlin, is taking a brief sojourn among us.

Grandma Phillinda S. Bowen went to Ithaca to have a look at her wonderful new niece, who came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bowen Dec. 12.

John Higgins is temporarily Dorm cook.

Miss C. Belle Russell, who has been working in the government printing office is home for the holidays.

Leslie Lane brother of Mrs. Clark, who is engaged in the real estate business in Akron, was in Houghton recently.

Esther Bush is now at home with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knox recently spent a week with her parents.

Georgia VanBuskirk and son visited in Nunda over the week end.

The many friends of Mrs. John McDonald, Sr., were shocked to learn of her sudden death. She was a fine Christian woman having lived a life of service. She will be greatly missed beyond the circle of her immediate family.

Mrs. J. S. Luckey visited her brother's family at Black Creek and shopped in Olean recently.

Mr. Kellogg and Lewis Silsby are engaged in carpenter work at Nunda.

Mrs. Grover Burr and Mrs. M. S. Phillips of Caneadea were calling in town last week.

Mrs. Ingersoll had a Christmas tree and program at the district school, Dec. 23.

Nellie Linebarger is assisting Mrs. Leroy Fancher with her housework thru vacation.

Organizations

AT THE ATHENIAN

A large crowd gathered in the Vocal Studio on Monday evening Dec. 15, for the last program of the Athenian Society before vacation. A very interesting and instructive program was rendered. Miss Paddock, our piano teacher favored us with a piano solo, which every one greatly enjoyed. The two readings by Miss Edith Warburton were especially good. Mr. John Hester gave us some very valuable information in a speech, in which he told us how we could prevent colds. Other numbers on the program were the Male Quartette and the Ladies Quartette.

The Society challenged the Neosophic Society to a debate to which the latter accepted. This we hope will create a greater interest in each Society and be of great value to the students. There have also been some plans for a Mock Trial. We trust each member of the Societies will feel his or her responsibility to make the Societies what they should be, and will cooperate to make both of these plans a great success.

Z. K.

NEOSOPHIC

After two weeks of Evangelistic services at the church, the Society resumed its meetings again on Monday evening, Dec. 15th, and held the Christmas number program.

An old Christmas legend was sung by Eric Bascom, Christmas carols were sung by Nora Matt and Sullivan, a Christmas tree told Ella Lane and other appropriate numbers were given.

During the meeting a representative from the Athenian Society came to challenge the Neosophicans to a debate, which was readily accepted. This will take place in January or February.

As a new program committee must be elected for the next half year, the present committee will give the last program of the semester, which will be held January 12th.

A. L. B.

"WITH AN IRISHMAN THROUGH THE JUNGLES OF AFRICA"

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agony. The snake was brown with black markings and about ten feet long. One day Mr. Maguire was attacked by a cobra. As it rushed at him he fired several shots into its body. Failing to stop it with his rifle he seized a double-barreled shotgun from a native and firing both barrels at once blew off its head. This reptile was ten to twelve feet long. Its bite is sure death. The Smithsonian Institute has tried to secure the specimen and have valued it at \$550. Another skin shown was that of a brown and black snake about eight feet in length. This kind spits poisonous virus at its enemies. They die if the poison lodges upon the skin and is not wiped off. Near the village where Livingstone died he secured a python which, judging from the skin exhibited, was at least thirty feet long.

For fourteen days Mr. Maguire followed the trail of Stanley. Comparing him with Livingstone he says, "Stanley left a trail of blood and broken hearts. Livingstone a trail of blessings."

No doubt he speaks from experience when he asserts that any man can cross this continent safely if he uses common sense and conforms to the customs of the country, which latter sounds like "When you are in Rome do as the Romans do," but means not quite the same thing. To illustrate: With a guide who knew the customs of a certain tribe, Mr. Maguire entered their village. The natives fled but the guide led him to the proper place and directed him to sit down with his legs crossed. Should he sit with them before him he thereby declared war. If he stood or sat with them any other way he declared something or other that meant trouble. It was necessary to persuade the chief to return. Having an accordian with him and knowing that "music hath charms to soothe the savage breast" he set it going—regretting, he said, that he had not learned to play. Once he had begun he dared not stop for fear he might declare war or something else that he didn't want to. His position became decidedly uncomfortable and he was nearly paralyzed, but the guide ordered "Keep your legs crossed and don't move 'till I tell

you." Suddenly the chief and the tribe returned and with much show and palaver the peace conference began. The truce was completed with an eating and drinking ceremony. A bowl was brought forward into which the chief first dipped and ate a spoonful, then handed the spoon to Mr. Maguire. This gentleman first stirred the soup, then selected those beans and ate them. The chief was not satisfied for the white man had failed to get any of the most savory part, the tender meat that had been ripened like fruit in the tropical sun. Taking the spoon again he dipped out another large mouthful of this and said "The meat is good." Evidently it was, but Mr. Maguire was having a peculiar sickening feeling in the region of his stomach, and on the plea that it would make him sick managed to get excused. The meat was rats! Each now drank half a glass of palm oil and peace was on.

No man in a heathen tribe is feared so much as its medicine man, or witch doctor. If he discovers that a man or woman is bewitched, he or she must die. All his enemies die. Mr. Maguire exhibited a curious necklace consisting chiefly of beads and balls—about fifty of them—perhaps a hundred—and referring to his collection of curios said, "This, to me, is worth all the rest." It had been given him by a converted doctor and contained the tally of human lives, each bead or ball represented one life given in sacrifice to heathen superstition. We were also shown the doctor's battle-axe with which he had killed thirty-seven of his fellows and the knife which he had used in cutting out their hearts.

The graphic descriptions and impersonations took us always into the action. Presently we were witnessing the funeral of a chief. The body was placed on a rude pyre and smoked for days. His wives were compelled to stay by him during this time. Constantly they must keep their eyes toward his body. If one slept and was seen in her sleep to turn from the corpse, she was dragged out of the village and buried alive in an upright position, with her head above ground. Food and water were placed before her face for her use during her journey to the land of spirits. There was no possibility of her getting them sooner. Here she died for three days, suffering combined torments of hunger and thirst, the heat of a tropi-

cal sun, and the bites of flies and other insects, besides the torment of her position. If anyone moved by her piteous cries for help, was seen to give her any relief, that one died as terrible a death as she. At the end of those days, if she yet lived she was mercifully killed by having a spear thrust through her from the top of her head downward.

Next we witnessed a marriage. The young man made love to the girl's mother by singing. If he made a sufficiently favorable impression he was permitted to sing to her oldest brother. This one gave the final word, usually approving his mother's judgment. The girl was now called and the whole village turned out to witness the ceremony. The medicine man came forward with much show and palaver, danced about them, bumped their heads together three times, and danced some more. Then the girl was led to a building where she was kept on a shelf for seven months. Eventually, after her person had been rubbed with palm oil and her hair curled, she was presented to her husband. The medicine man gave him a whip, about three fourths of an inch in diameter and two or three feet long, made of tough dried hide, with which to make her work, and the marriage was done.

Mr. Maguire spent considerable time with Bishop Taylor and relates the following incidents in connection with their work: One day as he was speaking to the people, they suddenly turned and fled precipitately crying "The top is off his head! The top is off his head!" Utterly at a loss to know what he had said to produce this astounding result he turned to the bishop for an explanation, and discovered that he, while wiping the perspiration from his forehead, had lifted his wig! One day Bishop Taylor removed his false teeth and placed them in a glass of water. The servant happening in, discovered them. In terror he rushed out into the street crying, "His mouth is in a glass! His mouth is in a glass!" Mr. Maguire thought things had proceeded far enough in this direction and turning to the bishop he said, "Brother Taylor, if you've got anything else about you that's removable, for mercy's sake, hold on to it!"

Brother Richards was reading the bible to a certain chief one day and read this passage: "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none." The chief had none and wanted

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Here is a significant statement shedding light on the character of the native. "If you are here and a native has a banana and both of you are starving, he will cut the banana in half if he knows he has to die beside you the next day."

Mr. Maguire believes the future hope of superstitious Africa lies in the education and training of native teachers. He has been in Sierra Leona and considers it the worst part of the continent. The climate is deadly. Congratulating us upon our work there he said, "Other denominations have practically pulled up their stakes and left it to your missionaries." But this is the entrance to Soudan with its 90,000,000 heathen.

C. A. Russell

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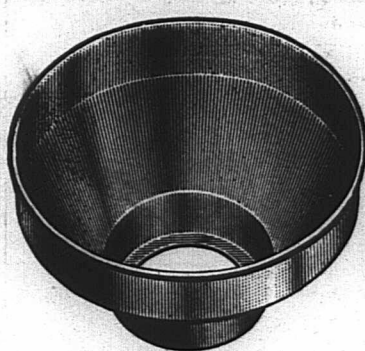
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LaVay's sister asked him if marriage was a civil or a political right. He answered: "Well lets see. It can't be a civil right because there's nothing civil about it. It can't be a political right because it is not enjoyed by all. I guess it can't be a right, it must be a punishment."

Theologianist—Prof., that green spot—(A dear sister turns about and regards speaker intently) I mean the one on the chart."

Prof. C.—"What was the fourth plague sent upon the Egyptians?"
 Bond—"Fleas."

IN ENGLISH HISTORY
 Miss Fancher—"How d'd Sir Walter Raleigh end his days?"
 Bond—"He died."

"If we all thought just alike and acted just alike we would soon all look alike."

Groff—"That would be awful."

ANTHROPOLOGICAL GEOGRAPHY.

Prof. Coleman—"What was the author's "West Point Experience" in regard to this thought?"

Johnny B.—dreamily) "The author's west point? let me see, I don't just remember what his west point was."

Miss Sullivan is very much interested in "theologianists."

ENGLISH HISTORY

Miss Fancher—(speaking of bribes) "You can bring your conscience to a place where you won't feel anything."

Eloise—"Can you ever get it back?"

Miss F.—"You can but it would be a hard process."

Laura S.—"I think if I lost mine I wouldn't want it back!"