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Former Dean Writes

A Bit of Houghton In Africa

British West Africa is only a name to most people who have never been on this coast. So it was to us about a year ago. Then we landed in Freetown, the only city of the colony of Sierra Leone and the ocean port. We opened our eyes. There were several buildings of size and proportions such as we did not expect to see here. Streets were paved, the drainage was good, and the city water supply excellent. What interested us most, though, were the naked little black skins around the town.

After we boarded the wheezing little train to come up country we saw numerous little urchins clad only in their birthday suits or perhaps a string of beads. Since, we have learned that most of the children here are unencumbered with clothing until they have had time to grow-up. Now it is no longer a novelty, rather we look askance at the rare child that has a bit of cloth for a covering.

Before we reached our destination, we met a bit of Houghton out in this heathen wilderness. It was in the person of Flora Brect, better known in the old days at Houghton as "Brownie." "Brownie" she still remains and lives up to her name better with a few coatings of African tan. We all are the popular color out here and will be in style, for once in our lives, if the fashion does not change before we are due in America.

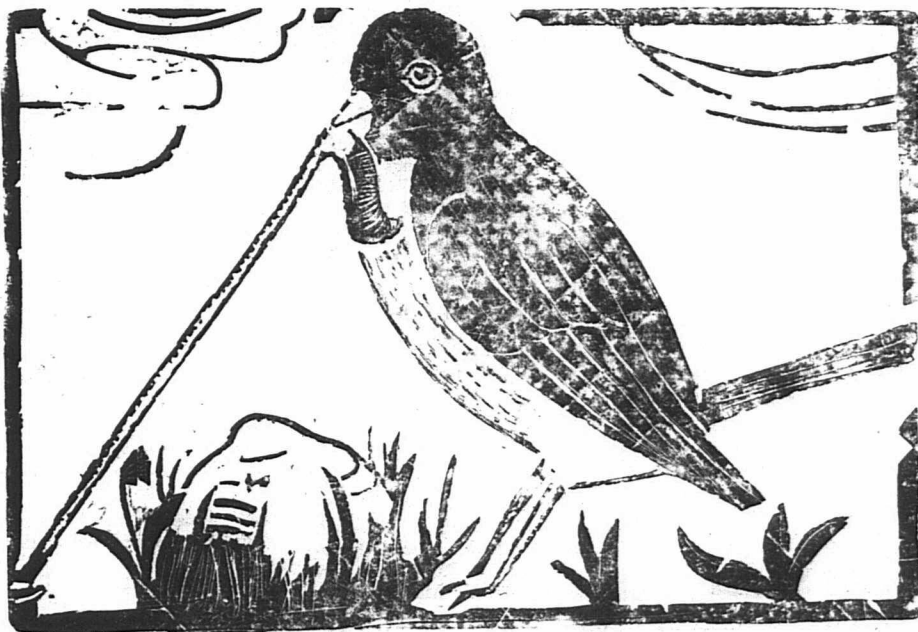
There is no use describing life out here. I had it minutely portrayed to me before I came and I had no idea of things as they are; so why try to make you see. Come out for yourself and, after one year of service, you will be wiser than a library of books can make you. I may say that I have seen much that I never saw before, heard things I never expected to hear, experienced more in one year than I did at home in five; and after it is all past, I have changed my philosophy of life a bit and am going on my way rejoicing.

The important things in life are more important than ever before. I have a new conception of the great need of the human race. It is not a need of education, although one of our boys aptly puts it, "Education is a bad sickness." It is not so much a need of physical aid, though people in dire distress of body cry to us on every hand. It is an overwhelming need of the Christ of Calvary. I wish I could make you feel it as I feel it after one year among pagan peoples.

I would urge you who expect to do foreign service to prepare well for your work; but in your preparation to remember that the one thing most needful, if you are to do effective work, is a Spirit-filled life. Nothing you may learn can take the place of this requirement. We hope to accomplish nothing except as the Spirit of God works in our midst.

The Creole, who is a half educated black man, is a good picture of what knowledge may do without the gospel. He is nothing to be compared with the bush man in manners, taste, and other qualities that go to make a pleasing individual. If we do not thoroughly evangelize these people

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This Robin's a Soph'more;
The worm is Soph English.
(One glance will inform you
The worm is quite Longish.)

But the one thing to notice
Sans procrastination,
The Robins chief feature
Is DEEtermination.

1931 Boulder Staff Chosen

Group Makes Plans for Annual

On Wednesday after chapel the 1931 Boulder Staff was announced to the expectant Sophomores. After the meeting was called to order by Bea Neal, president of the '32-ers, Warren Thurber, the editor-elect, took the floor. He thanked the class most sincerely not only for himself but for Theos and Paul also. In his remarks the new editor said, "Never before have I appreciated the saying 'Judge not, that ye be not judged' as I have in the past few weeks. I thought I knew everyone in this class. But when it came to placing one of you before the other, I found you were all total strangers. And I'm sure Theos and Paul will say the same."

The staff was announced as follows:
Faculty Advisor, Miss Frieda Gillette
Editor-in-chief, Warren Thurber
Associate Editor, Beatrice Neal
Assistant Editor, Velma Harbeck
Assistant Editor, Ruth Burgess
Art Editor, C. Walter Alexis
Photo Editor, Herman Knowles
Athletics, Cyril Little
Musical Editor, Edith Stearns
Business Manager, Theos E. Cronk
Assistant Bus. Mgr., George Wolfe
Advertising Mgr., Elon Wiles
Subscription Mgr., Paul E. Vogan

The staff consider themselves most fortunate in getting Miss Gillette for their faculty advisor. While she has never before had experience as advisor, she had proved her ability in other fields and the staff feel sure she will contribute not a little toward their success. Miss Gillette, Mr. Thurber and Mr. Cronk have been busy for the past few weeks interviewing salesmen. They say they have some fine propositions under consideration. What they are cannot be discovered. The class of 1932 is alive and going and their Boulder is expected to be one of the best.

SUNDAY SERVICES IMPRESS CONGREGATION

Rev. Pitt Urges Congregation to Hear God's Word

The return of spring weather marked another day of good attendance at the Sunday services. Both of the messages of the day were very helpful and inspiring. In the morning we were told that all men were originally sinners and they had hope only as they were crucified with Christ. Then in the evening we were shown how we could retain our relationship with God and how we could be successful Christians.

For the scripture lesson of the morning Reverend Pitt chose John 13:3-17. He expressed desire for a revival of the hearing of God's word. Some of the means of grace, he said are of momentary value while the Word is something which is always of present value for aid and instruction to all. As a basis for the message he took Galatians 2:19, 20. "For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth

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Houghton Views The Eclipse

Last To Be Seen Here for 40 Years

Last Monday afternoon they gathered on the campus almost as large a crowd as Houghton has seen since the Markee Cottage fire last year. Professor Pryor had erected a telescope out in front of the Science Hall, otherwise known as the High School Building, and the majority of the students spent the afternoon watching the eclipse.

About three o'clock the sun seemed to grow dimmer and the Genesee Valley was covered with a weird green light. The spectators on the campus began to shiver; the students in the laboratories came out, and all of us looked at the sun or made trite remarks about this second solar phenomenon which we have seen in the last seven years. At its best, however, the eclipse was only "annular" and covered about six-tenths of the sun's surface.

It is interesting to know that an eclipse only occurs when there is a new moon. However, a new moon does not necessitate an eclipse, because the moon is not always in the same plane with the sun.

We understand that some important observations have been made of this eclipse. Scientists have attempted

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GLEE CLUB SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 4 Hornell, N. Y.
Central Ave. Church
Sunday, May 11 Buffalo, N. Y.
Churchill Tabernacle
Broadcasted—Station W. K. B. W.
7:00 o'clock Daylight Saving Time
6:00 o'clock Eastern Standard
Saturday, May 17 Brighton, N. Y.
Brighton Community Church Hall
Sunday, May 18 Rochester, N. Y.
Asbury Methodist Church
East Avenue
Friday, May 23 Houghton, N. Y.
Annual Home Concert

THE PLOT THICKENS

Sophomore President, In Role of Heroine

The shades of night were rapidly enveloping the land when the peace and quiet of the evening were disturbed by feminine screams. Bea Neal rushed madly from her home screaming in a manner that would have done credit to Paul Revere.

This display of animation was caused by the sight of three dark, mysterious forms, lurking in the shadows of the railroad station. Suspecting that no good was intended, Bea decided to investigate. Warned by the sudden commotion, the three rogues hastily started down the track. It was at this stage that the screeched summons, louder than ever, for the heroine distinctly saw that the fleeing ones were bearing mail bags, was answered by the fleet-footed Ackerman, sisters and the unconquerable Jessie Robinson. The culprits were overtaken and after a short spirited battle, subdued. (I might say, however, that the only reason why "Red" Thurber was caught was because he attained such speed that the air piled up in front of him and impeded his progress.) After making sure there was no possibility of the prisoners' escaping the captors examined the mail bags which had received rather harsh treatment during the Melee. What was the surprise of all (except the owner) when the "mail bags" proved to be bags from Cronk's Store, containing eatables in various and sundry conditions of demolition. Their feminine curiosity gaining the "upper hand" the fair members of the self-appointed vigilance committee decided to find out who were the recipients of their rough treatment.

The captives proved to be none other than members of the notorious McKinley Gang. By the Third Degree and cross examination it was revealed that this misunderstanding had been caused by the Gang's desire to mail a letter on the evening train for which they were awaiting, when so ferociously attacked.

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Ex-Sophomores Heard From

York to Travel with Quartet

Orrell York, popular student in Houghton last year, now a sophomore in Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., is meeting with great success there as he did here. Through a recent edition of the Asbury College weekly we learn that in a recent election of the student body Mr. York received a tie vote with another young man as being the most popular underclassman in college.

Besides being a member of his class basketball team, the former Houghton student who will be remembered as the man who made the new pole vault record last year here at Houghton, is training for the track and field day at Asbury which will take place sometime next week. Mr. York during the past year has been a member of the College Men's Glee Club and of the College Quartet. It might be of interest to his friends to know that Orrell is to travel with the College quartet during the summer vacation. We have not received a definite plan of the route to be followed though it is understood that at the close of the tour the quartet will have completed a trip of approximately 15,000 miles. It is also interesting to note at this time, when announcement is being made of the Boulder Staff for 1931, that Mr. York has been selected as a member of the staff of the Asbury annual for next year.

We wish to congratulate Mr. York upon his success as a student in the Blue Grass country and sincerely hope he may be as successful in the future.

Ex-Sophomore Honored

Belfast, April 24.—Representative Daniel A. Reed has named Merton McMahon, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMahon, of this village, as the successful entrant to the U. S. Naval academy, Annapolis, Md. McMahon is now a student in Canisius college, Buffalo, by virtue of a scholarship he won last year. He

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Collegiate Sam Says:

The Soph English Department evidently believe in the "syrology" of Amos 'n Andy. "Check and double check"—"Test and Re-test."

DID YOU SEE THE ECLIPSE?

Speaking of eclipses—why let your leisure thoughts eclipse your worthwhile ones? Why let your mind stray to tennis while taking a test in Sophomore English? Why think of racing madly around the track while your few slinking ideas concerning Educational Psychology or Vertebrate Zoology shame facedly drip their life away unappreciated by the sod-eyed professor. Few students can think of two subjects at the same time and do each equally well. Why try? Be satisfied with one at a time. Pass your Sophomore English test (if you can) then play tennis to capacity. By the way, I'm not an Instructor merely—A Simple Soph.

MUDPUDDLES AND MARBLES

Spring is upon us. It hasn't snowed for a week. Robins are a frequent occurrence now, and the ground gives way under one's feet like a velvet carpet. Once more, we are released from our annual fetters of overcoats and mittens, and more, we are free to roam through the woods, breathing deeply the fragrance of the forest. It is good to get away from civilization every once in a while. That's why God gave us the wilderness. That's why He always seems nearer to us there. Yet, what would we be without civilization,—without duty? One of the distinctions between man and beast is that the former has been given a work to do. A man is not a man if he shirks it. We must work, but God has so ordained it that we must rest also. We should disobey neither command. Life is not all marbles, neither is it all mudpuddles.

HOOS HOO IN HOUGHTON

Pluck, perseverance, popularity personified.

Answer to last week's Hoo: Miss B. M. Fancher, A. B., M. A.

Birthday Greetings

May 3—George M. Press
May 5—Erma Anderson, '29
May 6—James Edward Dolan
May 7—Mary K. Thomas
Anna M. Dugan, '28
May 8—Phyllis Estabrook

MOVE-UP DAY.

Every day after chapel for the last week we hear a notice read to call together the combined committees on Move-up Day. Great plans are under way. It will undoubtedly be a day to be long remembered.

TWO MORE LUCKY SENIORS

Florence Knapp goes to Wyoming to teach English while Marjorie Donley goes to Olden to teach Latin.

Watch For Senior Skip Day.
Let's help 'em off.

ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. James Elliot of Marion, Ind. announce the arrival of a son, Raymond Paul, on April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Silsby of Haskinsville, N. Y. announce the arrival of a son, Louis Ward, born on April 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Meyers and son Bobbie called in town Sunday. Mrs. Meyers was Dede Johnson.

CLASS OF '28 MEETS

There's something about Houghton that each year brings back a goodly number of the Class of '28 to meet old friends and talk over happy school days and interesting experiences since then. When Mrs. Gelsner wrote us the Class of '28 would meet at her home May 26th most of us made our plans accordingly, so that we could be there. The following were served at 6:00 o'clock dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bain, Barker, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Storms, Findley Lake, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Tucker, Salamanca, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Clair King, Wales Center, N. Y.; Mr. Joseph Horton, Maryland, N. Y.; Miss Merrill Linquist, Maryland, N. Y.; Miss Ruth Hanscom, Maryland, N. Y.; Mr. Ralph Jones, Orchard Park, N. Y.; Miss Elsie Barker, Holley, N. Y.; Miss Ruth Crouch, Varysburg, N. Y.; Mr. Lindley Van Riper, Houghton, N. Y.; Miss Helen Kellogg, Panama, N. Y.; Miss Viola Roth, Ontario, N. Y.; Miss Ruth Van Dusen, Hinsdale, N. Y.; Mrs. Sara Gelsner, Fillmore, N. Y.; Miss Jeanette Gelsner, Fillmore, N. Y.; Miss Dorah Burnell, Houghton, N. Y.; Miss Ruby Moore, Canisteo, N. Y.; Mr. Archie Neal, Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. Lawrence Chapman, Madrid, N. Y. Between courses each guest received some small favor as a remembrance of the party and the fact that, in a certain sense, most of us are but children yet. None of us knew before that Perry possessed such latent powers as a mouth organ player that you could hardly keep your feet still when he played.

We're all interested in the school teaching game, immensely so. Just gossiping about it took up a large portion of the evening. Letters were read from Verna Crouch, Barker College, Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. Bond Ferro, Constantia, N. Y. and Mrs. Cecil Huntsman, Haskinsville, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. John Mann, Belfast, N. Y. The class voted to send flowers to John Mann who has been ill for some time and is taking treatments at East Aurora.

Maybe Helen can discipline a school with a stick but she was utterly at sea when every time she turned around several of her twelve clothespins, arranged neatly on the floor, would disappear. It was evident she did not have eyes in the back of her head, as proverbial school m'am is supposed to, when it came to ascertaining "Jonesy's" guilt.

Sing College songs, closed the evening for us. Many thanks are due to Miss Burnell and Mrs. Gelsner for our "get-togethers." I'm sure if you asked any of us we'd vote the Class of '28 the best Houghton ever graduated.—E. N. B.

FORMER DEAN WRITES

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it would be far better to leave them in their primitive condition.

We have a little bit of Houghton on our field in Africa now and we are looking eagerly forward to seeing new recruits come from your halls. I think, with a fellow missionary, that "schools should be to train missionaries, ships to carry them and money to send them."

What is life, anyway, but a great opportunity to fulfill the great commission and make Christ known to every creature?

—Alice Jean Hampe McMillen.

HOUGHTON HAPPENINGS

Harold Douglas visited friends in town Monday.

Mr. Robert Stark '29 visited in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carnahan of Newfane, N. Y. visited their daughter, Margaret, over the week-end.

Prof. LaVay Fancher of Ithaca, N. Y. spent Saturday and Sunday in Houghton.

Merrill Linquist and friend from Maryland, N. Y. visited friends in town Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ruth Keeney of Olean, N. Y. visited her sister, Florence, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bain of Barker, N. Y. were in church Sunday morning.

Miss Elsie Chind spent the week-end as guest of Miss Eleanor James at her home in Cuba, N. Y.

Miss Velma Harbeck was called to her home Thursday by the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. L. Harbeck.

Ethel Thompson and Monica Kniffen spent the week-end at their respective homes.

Spring Has Arrived

Track & Field Day Announced for May 24

Increased activity is noticeable on the campus these days while "spring fever" reigns supreme in the class rooms. The "Tildens," Wills, "Berlingers" and "Hornsby's" are all in evidence while tennis balls, javelins and baseballs throng the air. Everywhere increased athletic activity gives evidence of the fact that spring has arrived in all its glory. Already many have begun the favorite sport of *trailing* Arbutus (to which Dean Fillmore from the increased number of applications which she receives, can easily testify).

It has been announced that, weather permitting, track and field day will be held this year on May 24. Already preparations for this annual event have been begun by both the Gold and Purple sides. Each is confident of victory though according to expert diagnosis the Gold appear to have the edge on their opponents. A great many of the Purple men who placed in the meet last year have been lost through graduation or transference to other schools. The Gold, however, have most of their high point men back this year and will present a very formidable team with which to compete.

Undoubtedly the men who have not had an active part in previous track and field events here at Houghton will play a great part in the victory regardless of which side wins. The result of the meet can with no degree of certainty be foretold and the victory of either team will come only as the result of hard fighting and diligent preparation.

Frosh Elect Staff

The "Frosh" have elected their staff for the May 9 STAR. We view with alarm the growing tendency of the Frosh to insist on association. Witness the following Staff:

Editor—Chester Driver
Associate Editor—Edna Roberts
News Editor—Blanche Gage
Associate News Editor—Edward Dolan
Feature Editor—Harry Gross
Associate Feature Editor—Mary Lytle
Athletic Editor—Edna Stratton
Associate Athletic Editor—Albert Albro

The Open Forum

We wonder why we hear so much fault-finding about Houghton, by students. Personally we find Houghton a great place to be in or we wouldn't be here. The opinion of the world concerning Houghton is based to a great extent on the word of the students who leave its halls. Let's tell the good things about our Alma Mater. In most cases of fault-finding the person finding it, is not without fault himself.

SUNDAY SERVICES IMPRESS

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in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." At first Reverend Pitt carried us back to the thought of the Sunday School lesson of the morning. Most men seem to be like the rich young ruler when it comes to accepting Christ. They will give up all but some trifling thing which will keep them out of the kingdom. Christ wanted this young man to willingly give up all so that he could come to his Master empty handed and let Him fill him with eternal possessions. In the dispensing of his riches Christ did not do it for the young ruler, but He let him do this himself. Thus, revealing the fact that each individual has to go to God himself and have accounts settled. Many men, as this rich young ruler, think that they are right in God's sight and are doing his will; but it is Christ who is needed to show us our hearts. By taking us closer to the text we were shown how Paul was dead to the law that he might be alive in Christ. In his natural state Paul found himself dead in sin and, being in this state, he had no hope. But in Christ he saw one who died and was crucified. So in order to receive life he likewise died and was crucified. All men must acknowledge their sins and identify themselves with Christ, our only hope, if they want deliverance from sin. For, if we were to assume that there is any original spiritual good in us, we could build upon that and finally become real good. Thus, we would need no Christ. But Paul says he lives, yet it is not he that lives, but Christ who lives in him. Hence revealing the fact, that if it were not for Christ living in him, he would be dead and in sin.

The discourse of the evening seemed to fit well with that of the morning. We were told how to retain our relationship with God and how to be successful Christians. As a background Reverend Pitt used Luke 9:28-36. There were only three disciples who went to the Mount of Transfiguration with Christ. In the present religious life, we likewise, find a comparatively small number who live close to the Master. We have many spiritual opportunities, but we are so wrapped and filled with the less important things of life that we miss these opportunities. Those who constantly communicate with and come into close contact with God are the ones who are successful and realize a life of full salvation. The saints of old were successful only as they were alone with God. Luther, who spent from two to four hours a day in prayer, is a good example. Each true follower of Christ needs to have such communication with Him that when Christ has an important message for him, he is ready to receive it.—R. W. F.

EX-SOPHOMORES HEARD

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has had one year in Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y. He has two brothers, one with the Erie railroad and one in Alfred university, and a sister. He is a nephew of Bishop John J. McMahon, formerly of Buffalo and now in New Jersey.

SOPH ENGLISH CORNER

"OF WOMAN'S WORDS"
(Imitation of Bacon's Style)

Catullus saith: "Woman's love is writ in water! Woman's faith is traced in sand." He further infereth that when a youth doth propose the fatal proposition of marriage to a girl, and she respondeth favorably, that her words should be doubted. Another writer feareth woman's words, for he saith: "From woman's tongue O please deliver me." Paul, the Apostle, further believes that women should keep silence in the churches. Whether because they cannot resist the temptation of talking, or why, I do not know. Solomon, saith that in the multitude of words, there wanteth not sin. It seemeth that men are prone to think that a woman's word is void, but this is not so. We find that Solomon also saith that "The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters." This seemeth to me to imply that men are more dangerous in their words, because no one can deny the fact that in these deep waters many drown—many of whom are women whom they have accused of what they themselves were guilty. When a woman sayeth "No" she meaneth "No!" The tongue may be a small member which causeth a great fire, and the fire may prove very destructive; nevertheless this fire many times availeth much, for old trash is burned out of the way, and great purifying processes maketh the "World safe for Democracy."

And yet, on the other side, woman's tongue is loose on both ends. She doth hear tales and gossip. One writer in the New Testament adviseth that widows especially mind their own business, so that they may cease from tale-bearing, which giveth wounds to people. Frequently woman's tongue boasteth of great things, and she is given to exaggeration. However, even though much is said in criticism of woman's words, it is to be seen that men delight to hear them, whether they be true or false.—E. H. CHIND.

A SPRING MORNING

Let Pheobus drive his cart across the sky,
For clouds begin to turn from white to red;
Aurora calls her steeds to mount on high
And hasten o'er the path that they must tread;
The birdlings wake up early to be fed;
On high, the lark of balmy spring doth tell
That darkness now from o'er the earth has fled
And purpling veils upon the hills have fell:
Man breathes a prayer and whispers, "All is well."
—MAE COLLINS.

WHEN FAIRBANKS PLAYED

(With Apologies to Austin Dobson)
When Burbage played, the stage was bare;
Not so when Fairbanks acted there.
For there are mobs of supers now,
A thousand peasant knees do bow
When Kate goes out to take the air
When Kate goes out to take the air.
And yet as then, the audience stare
And stamp and clap at every flare
Of passion wild or clownish wit
When Fairbanks plays.
This is that actor's gift: to spare
Not even himself, much less to care
For other's coin; so none can doubt
He gave his best to bring about
That same old thrill the folk did share
When Burbage played.
—LOUISE ZICKLER.

THE END OF A FAITHFUL LIFE

Hark! A voice! 'Tis whisp'ring soft and low
My name! Ah, yes, 'tis calling me to go.
My days are spent, I cannot linger more.
Time goes on, but men pass on before.
I go; my soul is bound for yonder shore,
His hand will lead me safely there, I know.
Regrets? Ah, no. To Death I gladly bow,
For all my life I kept my sacred vow.
No mystic bourn ahead, the way is bright.
No clouds of doubt obscure my way; the light
Of Him who made me know and do the right
Is here; His hand does not desert me now.
Farewell, dull earth, with joy I leave thy strife.
I go to live an endless, glorious life.
—LYLE DONNELLY.

CLAS - SIC SOPH

Sophomore English is a bore:
I take my oath I'll do no more:
The teacher flunks me every time
(I guess she thinks I have no mind).
One day she came to me and said,
"The marks upon your themes are red."
I shook my head and stood aghast,
"No doubt, Old Dear, it's not the last."

And now in me you all behold,
A Sophomore standing in the cold.
She gave me there a stony stare,
And now I feel like Frigidaire.
—THEOS CRONK.

SMILES

The cheery smiles of friends down here below
Are but reflections of our Father's love,
A light of mellow glow and radiance bright
That He bestows upon the men of earth,
Reflections bright, that men may turn,
As mirrors do, to spots where darkness is,
Or where despair or fainting hearts do dwell,
For lack of a reflected love and care.
A smile may lift and cheer a brother lone,
Where as indifference gains no one a throne.
—VELMA HARBECK.

OF LOVE

(After the manner of Bacon)

Solomon sang, "Set me as a seal upon thine arm; for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave; the coals thereof are coals of fire which hath a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it; if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be condemned."

Love maketh us to have no fear of death, and it is a pertinent fact that fear maketh cowards of us and courage maketh conquerors. He who hath love as his law hath victory o'er his victors. Just one short step from love however is green-eyed jealousy who spareth but few. She eateth the heart of man with a slow, cruel fire, which finally burns into a sharp flame and destroyeth the last bit of love which was left there. The greater the love the less chance there is for this cruel passion. For jealousy is cruel in that it is often without a foundation, but very capable it appeareth to stand without any base.

Love cannot be daunted by adversity; it is strong. And in it lieth the fact that it is unpurchasable. The richest man in all the world cannot buy love. It is a gift which God giveth to man.

It hath come to my attention that this gift has been turned to undesirable ends. Unfortunately there happeneth to be some two-legged creatures with such poorly equipped thought apparatus that after reading in the Holy Scriptures "Love thy neighbor as thyself", immediately turn to the task of developing a very great love for themselves in order to carry out the rest of the injunction. It seemeth to me that if I could come up on them unawares I might hear them singing to themselves: "I love me, I love me, I'm wild about myself." But bear in mind that they are as Cicero says, "sui amantes sine rivali."*

* "Lovers of themselves without a rival."

—A. Non.

SPENSERIAN STANZA

An ancient Ford was chugging down the trail,
All clad in rusty tin and home-made trash
Wher in old dents and bulges did prevail,
The awful wounds of many a mid-night crash;
Yet run it did, until it met that Nash;
Its feeble force was nothing when they hit,
Meeting then the tree they call the Ash
No more for traveling was the old thing fit,
Two bits is more than I would give for it.
—GEORGE WOLFE.

THE PLOT THICKENS

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The three disgruntled youths, vowing vengeance, wended their way to the McKinley House where the weekly meeting of the Bachelor's Club was in session. Hon. Theos A. Cronk, the president, explained the reason for the uninviting appearance of the refreshments and by letting them have first pick of the choice morsels of food the anger of such active members as "Everready" Armstrong, "Juke" Vogan and "Swede" Bension was soothed. After the last crumb had been devoured, a discussion was held and vote was taken to determine what action should be adopted concerning the apologies of the recent offenders. After serious consideration it was decided that the apologies be accepted. All agreed with Bea that the cookies went much farther when divided into an infinite number of parts. It was also acknowledged by a rising vote that the Soph Class should be proud to include in its number such public-spirited, fearless citizens as the young ladies had that night proven themselves to be.

(I might also say that Vogan's right to membership in this order of Bachelors has been contested. Action will be taken in the near future though sufficient evidence has already been produced to warrant his dismissal.)

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ted to check the Einstein theory of relativity by it, and to prove the theory of the warping of space, which if true will confirm the belief that this eclipse has changed the plane of rotation in the sun's magnetic field. Tests have also been made to ascertain if the moon polarizes, deflects, or rotates sun light, if the moon has any atmosphere about it, and if the eclipse has any effect on radio.

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Dear Katherine:
Have you ever tasted any of their coffee?
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Dear Count:
What can I do to keep down my electric light bills?
Worried Willie.

Dear W. W.:
Have you tried a paper-weight?
Ivan.

Dear Count:
What is a parasite?
R. U. Ral.

Dear R.:
A parasite is a man who walks through a revolving door without doing his share of pushing.
Ivan.

FRIDAY'S CHAPEL

Last Friday the Debate Club again entertained us with a debate. The topic of the debate was: "Resolved, that the Eighteenth Amendment should remain a federal law." The affirmative was taken by Miss Blanche Gage and Miss Theda Thomas. The negative was taken by Mr. Devello Frank. Both sides held up their arguments in a convincing way.

At the close of the debate the student body was given the privilege of voting as to which side had succeeded in convincing them. The vote showed that the affirmative side had won.

MISSION STUDY

The Mission Study Class has just completed the work on Africa and will begin the study of India on May 3. In the last meeting, Ruth West gave some testimonies from Africans, Adelbert Edwards spoke on "Itinerating Among the Lokos," Mildred Hill reported on a "Native Preachers' Institute in Africa," Florence Fish told of "The Latest Mode of Transportation for Sierra Leone," and George Bross gave an account of "Africa's Awakening."

The following news from the African field given by Miss Florence Yorton were presented by Elsie Chind.

Dr. and Mrs. S. I. McMillen are located in Kamabai. Mrs. McMillen is teaching in Mt. Loma Bible School which was opened in January. When Miss Yorton left to come to America, the students were taking their examinations. Dr. McMillen has discovered a new remedy for Yaws, an African disease. It is administered hypodermically, and is very beneficial.

Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Birch and family—headquarter house at Kamabai. Mr. Birch is Field Superintendent. He is a Jack-of-all-trades. He has charge of the manual training work at the boys' school at Binkola. He is head garage man. He is Superintendent of Education for all our out station students. He has charge of the McQuie station which he is attempting to reopen, since it

has been closed for some time. He does extensive traveling on his Indian motorcycle where the roads permit; also the mission has a second-hand Ford truck and a new Ford sedan. This improves upon old traveling methods, and helps the workers to cover more territory and reach many more people and villages with the gospel message. Mrs. Birch is the teacher of their three children, and has charge of some of the work at the station.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter and baby are located at Bendembu in the Loko Country. They have charge of all the work in the Loko territory and some of the work in the Timne country. Mr. Carter uses both a motorcycle and bicycle in his work.

Miss Wilson is the Principal of the girls' school at Masumbo and Miss Kindley is manager and has charge of the medical work.

Misses Macy and Brecht have charge of the boys' school here at Masumbo.

Pa John Seckins, one of our native workers, helps Miss Macy. Seaye, another native worker, has charge of one of the work groups and is house master of the boys' dormitory.

John Taylor is stationed at Kunso, our oldest station. He is doing very good work. Within the last year and one-half a church has been organized there. Fifty people have left their heathenish worship and charms, and are coming into the church.

There is a native conference evangelist who is under the control of Mr. Birch, the Superintendent. Mr. Birch has to be present at most of his services. This conference evangelist is a very godly man. He is often found in prayer. Under his work about sixty people have given up their charms and have burned them. Of course, he is reaping what others have sown. The charms given up by these sixty people included 125 different articles, ranging from broken pieces of dishes to old human bones, etc.

Robert Graham, another native worker is at Robani. Under him a very influential medicine man gave up his profession, and was saved. He was baptized, and put aside all of his surplus wives, retaining the one he had first married as he considered her his only lawful wife.

As the truth of the Gospel dawns upon the people, they clap their hands. When they see the truth, their fears leave them.

Binkola has been a hard town to reach. Miss Macy preaches here. The chief likes to have Mr. Birch repair his motorcycle, but he has no use for the Christian religion. The people are all tied up in false ideas. The influence of this chief is needed to win over his people. Miss Yorton asks that the Christians pray especially for this village and especially for this chief.

One interesting thing is that the people in Masumbo have tried three or four times to rebuild one of their Mohammedan mosques, but each time something has happened to it. They have come to feel that they should not build it, and have given up.

God works upon these people just as He does upon people in our own land, and produces the same results. —E. CHIND.

Y. P. B. CONVENES AT ROCHESTER

Two Houghton students were privileged to attend a convention of the high school and college members of the Western New York Young Peoples Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, meeting in a two day session at Rochester, April 26 and 27. The convention was attended by about 175 young people from various cities in Western New York.

"Young men and women of our

colleges are being slandered," said Rev. Dr. Ralph S. Cushman, minister of Asbury Methodist Church, guest speaker at the banquet Saturday night. "This generation of young people respond as well to the challenge of the hour as any generation of young people ever did. Gatherings like this are a repudiation of the lie propagated by the 'wets' that the young people of today are against the Eighteenth Amendment. The temperance problem will never be solved except by the principle of the cross, the principle of self denial. Young and old must deny themselves for the sake of a cause, for country's sake and for humanity's sake. One of the most tragic things of the present day is the attempt of certain rich men who want their wines and liquors to put across the country 'wet' propaganda at the cost of millions of dollars. Dr. Cushman said, 'but as long as the Christian young people of the nation uphold the standard of the Eighteenth Amendment it will stand. It cannot help but stand.'

The address given by Mrs. D. Lelugh Colvin, state W. C. T. U. president was along similar lines. She urged the dry workers not to be discouraged by the flood of 'wet' propaganda that is sweeping the country. "It is only a few," she further stated, "that are making all the noise. When prohibition was passed there were 128 wets in congress now there are only 61. The wet forces are well organized. Through their publicity headquarters at Washington, D. C. they have access to nearly every newspaper in the country. Even the Literary Digest poll is not correct and cannot be relied upon," said Mrs. Colvin. The results of the Literary Digest poll in 1922 showed California and Ohio to be decidedly 'wet.' Two months later in an actual election California went dry by a majority of 33,000 and Ohio by a majority of 189,000. In non binding polls the wets win because the people who want a change are voting. In actual elections the dries always win. The plan of the 'wets' is to put over propaganda and break down the moral of the dries. As long as the church and the young people of America stand together for the Eighteenth Amendment the success of Prohibition will be inevitable.

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