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they are compelled to be united with such as they consider their inferiors. If they feel thus, we want them to go. We will then have the opportunity to show them that we can make something of ourselves without their assistance.)

Some may argue that the movement is bound to fail, that one of the present societies was organized with such as its aim. But the college department is much larger now than then, and is constantly growing. Consequently it is more likely to succeed. Such a failure would not necessarily effect the preps., in a hurtful manner at least, although we would be exceedingly sorry to have it fail and would do our best to help it forward.

The college society would be a source of inspiration to the preps. When the society work of such a body could be seen, it would spur the underclassmen on to a realization of higher ideals. They would rouse themselves to greater efforts to attain the degree of excellency already reached by the college club. They would be made to feel the need of a college education in seeing the advantages it afforded in this as well as other lines of work.

And, now, in conclusion, I think we as preps., ought to express ourselves freely on this question. We ought to take a greater interest in it for it affects us as much as the college students. We have as good a right to our opinion and to our voice in the settling as members of the college department. Why not exercise it? To make the best of ourselves in society work we must have the best society system and to have the best society system we must make it the best. A college society might mean this and it might not. The question demands careful consideration from preps. as well as others. Let us give it and take our part in the decision of the question. Prep.

Why a College Club?

Houghton school is chartered as a Seminary. Let her not assume the cloak of a college when she has not the form. A college means more than a name, more than a building or two, more than a few thousand dollars endowment, more than half a dozen teachers, more than a couple of hundred students. Yet Houghton is more than a secondary school, far more. She has the surroundings that make for a college. One of the things that makes Yale so dear to her children are the pictures of memory that cling to her walls. Houghton has historic associations, even legendary. Houghton boasts a scenic place, a healthful situation, a climate conducive to the development of the highest brain power.

Though degrees cannot be conferred, Houghton can give a full college course, three years of which are just as good as at Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, or some other recognized college. The ideal Houghton has set for herself is a college in the true sense of that term. Towards that ideal two buildings have been projected in many minds, a Conservatory of Music and a Gymnasium. Towards that ideal the proposed Portage dam will work, placing Houghton noticeably at the head of a great artificial lake. As one means to realize that ideal the students of the college department must believe more thoroughly in themselves, get closer together, lift up the standard to the preps, and form a college club. That club should be well christened. It should meet bi-weekly. It should be broadly cultured, deeply scientific, constructively politic, and good-natured.

The college department is strong enough to successfully run a society. The preps have long since proved their ability to run a society of their own. If that is not so, what was

the motive power in the Neosophic Society in the good old days of yore?

To-day what is the situation? The Philomathean Society has already discussed favorably the formation of a college club. Indications point that the Neos. soon will. They have surely already prophesied a college club by placing preps in nomination for almost all society offices for next term; and it was not the doing of the college members either. The preps with almost no exception are in favor of the collegians forming a club. They are even pushing it. Several of the faculty have expressed their approval. The college people have discussed the matter in common council. Will they longer halt? Let them "be not faithless but believing." If they will stand together they can succeed.

With all candor and with strong faith in the realization of the ideal of one real Wesleyan Methodist college, whether that come to be in the East, West, South or Middle, I subscribe myself,

A Sometime Alumnus.

How May We as Students Best Divide Our Activities?

GEO. SPRAGUE

It is often said that "some men are born great." This does not mean that a man may inherit fame, regardless of his own worth and his own efforts. No man can discreetly say even, that "the world owes me a living." He is entitled to a chance to get a living. Many men are born with the opportunity to acquire greatness even as the world thoughtlessly uses that term. But a life of faithful service to God and mankind is a great life in the highest sense. Therefore the richest opportunity that comes to any man is that of service.

In this respect most men are born great. But opportunity is only one requisite of success. It must be supplemented with diligent application. Opportunity grows with use. Service begets greater usefulness.

Most people who come to Houghton as students, recognize these facts. They come seeking opportunity of the highest type and in this they are not disappointed. They are willing to serve while here, that they may learn to be of greater service in the future.

The various lines of activity of Houghton Seminary afford abundant opportunity to serve and to learn to serve. By the time one has been here as a student a few weeks, he usually has learned that there are so many advantages here that he cannot avail himself of all of them. There must be a division of his efforts. Wishing to make the most of life, including the time spent in school, he naturally asks, "How can I best divide my activities?" This question each student must ask individually and it may not be an easy one to answer. But there are some general considerations that enter into the matter.

In the first place he must remember that he is a physical, mental and moral being, and that to be of the greatest possible use in the world, his education must be symmetrical. Perhaps there is a sad lack of attention to physical training here but students of Houghton Seminary are not entirely without opportunity along this line. The activities of the athletic associations are of value to those who judiciously avail themselves of these privileges. The school work, the literary work required in the literary societies, etc., are the means provided for mental development. The religious services of the place, both midweek and on the Sabbath day, and the part that the students take in them, and the Christian influ-

ence of the faculty and of most of the citizens of the place are among the factors which help to build up moral strength. Surely none of these opportunities should be neglected and none should be embraced to the extent that the others have no place in our lives as individual students.

But a further division of activity may be necessary in order to secure the best results. Most of the students anticipate lives given to Christian work and are in Houghton to prepare for the same. Surely there is need of trained Christian workers everywhere. Indeed, there are so many fields for Christian effort in which the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few, that it is important that no energy be lost in random efforts. Concentration is necessary. Specialization is as effective in Christian work as in any other realm. And if specialization is necessary in our future activities it is advisable in the period of preparation. Happy is he to whom God reveals in youth, the divine plan for his life, that he may begin early to make specific preparation for his work. Houghton affords opportunity for such specialization. To speak more definitely, a student can serve the interests of Houghton Seminary and at the same time prepare himself for future service to the cause of prohibition, by putting his best efforts into the work of the Houghton Seminary Prohibition League. The missionary enthusiast can find ample opportunity for service and for training in the Mission Study Class, the Students' Missionary Society and the Young Missionary Workers' Band. Many of the prospective ministers of the church find room for the cultivation of their faculties in the valuable service they render to the people of the various communities about Houghton on the Lord's Day, in preaching services and Sabbath Schools. None of these lines of work are so insignificant as to make

one narrow if he devotes himself, including his school life, to it. A man of one idea need not be a hobbyist. The specialist need not be eccentric. The world and Houghton School will be better served by one who concentrates his activities, than by one whose training and whose efforts are at random.

"The Training of a Pastor."

E. L. ELLIOTT, '11.

"Preparation," someone has said, "is the watchword of the day." This is true, without doubt, in relation to any phase of activity, yet these words were spoken as applying particularly to equipment for Christian service. Whether that service is in the sphere of teacher, evangelist, or pastor, either in the home land or in the foreign mission field, the demand is urgent for trained workers specially equipped to fill that one place.

The greatness of the office and work of a pastor emphasizes the need of special training for that office. While we recognize that "whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," the importance of the issues involved and the tremendous responsibilities connected with a pastor's work demand the greater skill. Besides, while this training for so important a sphere of service is not by any means all of the human, yet God can use those who have minds equipped and trained from a human standpoint when they are fully consecrated to His service.

The office of a pastor is great in the fact of its divine appointment. It is God's plan that the ones filling this office shall be only those whom He chooses; just as the ancient priest was divinely chosen. "And no man taketh this honor unto himself but he that is called of God, even as was Aaron." Christ definitely called His disciples and sent them forth with a divine commission. He said of them in his prayer in the upper room, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."

The pastor is commissioned not merely to be the guardian of trade interests or bags of gold, but rather to care for the souls of men as the under shepherd, and to be a leader among men. The nature of the work then proves the greatness of the office. The pastor is at once a herald, an ambassador, and a watchman. He comes in haste with a message directly from the King; he comes with authority to the enemies of the King to sue for peace on the King's terms; he is set to guard his flocks from an enemy whether appearing in the guise of a friend or as an open enemy. His work is of such a nature that the lasting qualities of his equipment are tested severely.

Such a work calls for trained manhood of the best type. Listen to the words of one who was trained as he advises his young friend in regard to his work as pastor. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The apostles were sent forth to their great work only after three years' training under the master Teacher of the world. Paul was in training, though unconsciously, years before he entered upon his work. The prevalence of false teaching by those having mental strength, challenges a trained ministry to meet it. Not only is the need for men with minds trained by study in the academic and college branches, but also for men with a thorough knowledge of scriptural Christian theology.

Houghton Seminary offers thorough work in the academic courses, and her college department is being strengthened from year to year. But where shall her young men go to secure a thorough advanced theological course? Too many of the modern seminaries are colored by error. The great number of those institutions which hold to the old paths of Bible teaching offer only elementary or at least incomplete courses in theological instruction. Here is an evident need in a most important direction. During the past year some excellent work has been added in Houghton's theological department. Shall not other work be added until she has an advanced course that compares well with any other in scholarship, and still retains pure Bible standards.

The Prohibition League of Houghton Seminary.

The Intercollegiate Prohibition League of Houghton Seminary demands the right to live among the associations of this institution. If this privilege is to be granted, it will be because the League is a benefit to the school and to the townspeople. Is our League such a benefit? I maintain the affirmative.

Agitation has a large place in pushing a reform to success. The slavery question was agitated for two hundred years before the Emancipation Proclamation was issued and the black man became a free man. Americans are slow to act when a great moral reform is pending. So we must agitate the liquor question until our country is without a single legalized saloon. The discussions of the league are pointed and practical. The liquor question is not considered in a single phase but a broad view of the entire question is taken. The oratorical contest held by the league furnishes a large amount of information in a condensed form and in a convincing manner. This contest also brings us into touch with other leagues and larger colleges. But the greatest benefit of the league is bestowed upon the members who do good, thorough work on the programs. No student of this institution should fail to support the great fight against the saloon. Houghton Seminary is a center from which go young men to play a large part in civic and religious affairs. The study of the liquor problem as taken up in the league gives each student a correct estimate of the extent and power of the liquor business and the best methods by which to fight this great evil.

The league is here and here to stay. It is growing. It has a right to grow. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

F. H. Wright '14.

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Editorial

By the time this paper is in the hands of the students, there will be among them many hearts with many feelings. Some will be happy in having received such good marks as they have deserved. Others who have worked hard will be disappointed because of seeming failure. There will also, doubtless, be those whose disappointment will have in it an element of bitterness as they think of precious hours wasted every day when they should have been doing their best—hours that were a loss, not only to themselves but to their neighbors whose attention they engrossed by their idle moments, and whose marks they helped to lower. But to all of

these, successful or unsuccessful, our message is, Cheer up; take courage; do your best to do the right and to make of the new semester all that you possibly can.

The only excuse that anything has for being in this world at all is that it has some office to fill or work to accomplish. This ought to be particularly true of a religious denomination. The multiplicity of churches is one of the greatest stumbling blocks to the world and a great hindrance to the progress of Christianity. If the Wesleyan Methodist Church has any right to exist at all, it is because she has a Heaven-given mission. Our church has espoused the cause of Biblical Christianity against the religious indifference and the denial of the divinity of Christ of the present time.

But if we meet the conditions of the world today, we have some grave questions to face, and unless we face them squarely and settle them right, we must lose, and the cause we seek to promote must fail accordingly.

Among the opposers of our principles are men who are recognized as authority. We cannot simply approach them and dogmatically berate their false ideas. We cannot by such means get even as much as a hearing. We must be able to place ourselves on a level with them. In other words, we must furnish men who, in the name of the Lord, are able to take their stand before the best that the world can put forward. We have the men, but in many cases the men have not the training and ability. There are among us men who know that the principles of Prohibition are right, but who do not know enough intelligently to convince many an honest saloon voter that his principles are wrong. The same is true with regard to the question of the lodge. Many a man of good principle can say enough

to stir up a hornet's nest of lodge-men about his ears. But he cannot lay low their prejudices and preconceived notions. In too many cases our ministers have to face the same obstacles in trying to enforce the vital doctrines of our church.

We must have more trained men. Our supply is not adequate to meet our needs. Let the young men and women of our church step forth as candidates for larger usefulness than they have hitherto contemplated. Our schools have abundance of room for all who will come seeking opportunity for intellectual and spiritual equipment.

We heartily favor the sentiment expressed by the writer who discussed the society question in this issue, when he said that the students ought to feel free to express their opinions on matters of such general interest as the subject there considered. The editor will always be glad to receive letters on such timely topics from students or interested friends, and if they are to the point and not too long, will be pleased to publish them.

What is your opinion of the STAR? Did it ever occur to you that the management might appreciate a line of encouragement, suggestion, or criticism? Perhaps you might be able to drop some hint or suggestion that would help to make the STAR much better. Or perhaps you see something that could be remedied. Let's hear from you at any rate.

Contributions for the February "Star" must be in the hands of the Editors by Feb. 7.

January 5.—Miss Hanna Greenberg visited Miss Shirley Keyes at Lisbon, N. Y., during the Holidays.

Prof. and Mrs. Ralph Rindfusz spent the vacation with Mrs. Rindfusz's mother at Albion.

Exchanges

Although we have but few exchanges on our list as yet, we feel that their quality could not easily be surpassed. This department of our paper has not received much attention heretofore, but we hope in the future to enlarge it and to give it a permanent place in our columns.

We take great pleasure in welcoming the Alfred University Monthly, which we consider a splendid school publication. The spirit it sets forth, the nature of its articles, and its general make-up all tend to make it interesting and instructive.

We are always glad to see the Vista among our exchanges. The new department known as "Aunt Minerva's Cozy Corner," we consider a good addition.

The Albright Bulletin contains a splendid article on "Culture" in its January number. The Bulletin is well gotten up.

The Wheaton College Record has some good poems in its December number. We like the way your paper is proportioned.

Comus is full of high school life. Its jokes are especially profuse. We are glad to welcome it on our exchange list.

O. M. W.

From the Business Manager

At this time a great many subscriptions on our list expire. We hope, however, that not one of them will need to be discontinued, but that all renewals will be made promptly. We are trying to make the appearance of our paper neat and attractive and the articles and items of an interesting nature to all. In the light of the improvements, we trust that everyone will feel an increased interest in our school paper and will consider it one of their indispensable periodicals.

Mrs. H. R. Smith is improving.

Organizations

MIRIAM L. DAY, '12, Editor

Young People's Foreign Missionary Society.

In place of the regular missionary meeting for the month of January, a reception was given in honor of Miss Florence Yorton, who has recently returned from Africa. After our guest of honor had met all those present, refreshments were served consisting of cocoa and wafers. Then a very interesting and instructive program was given. Professor H. W. McDowell heartily welcomed everyone and gave us a short description of each of our foreign missionaries. Mr. Edward Elliott, the leader of our Mission Study Class, followed with a talk concerning the increase in the number of classes in other schools, and a few words about the work of the class here at home. Miss Yorton then gave us a fine description of the work that is being done at our different stations in Africa. She also showed the great need, just at present, of consecrated men and women to take up the work. Five persons are needed to take the place of those who expect to return to this country in the spring. One very interesting and striking feature of all the returned missionaries is their great love and interest in the work to which they have consecrated their lives.

We all returned to our homes feeling that we had spent a very profitable evening, and with a greater determination to let God have His way in our hearts and lives.

A. M.D.

The Philomathean Society

We have finished our first semester of society work, and are about to enter upon the second semester. Some interesting and instructive programs

have been given. Every program that a society gives should be arranged with care in order that it may be helpful, and at the same time, interesting and attractive. Our program committee have tried to keep this thought in mind in making out the programs.

The program for January 13, was about modern women writers. It consisted of short sketches about some of these writers, and some poems and a book review taken from their work.

As we enter upon the new semester, we can not rest upon the laurels that have been won, nor should we grieve over the failures that may have been made, but let us enter upon the work with new energy, determined to make this semester's work far better than that of the one just closed.

M. L. D.

The Neosophic Literary Society.

During the last two or three weeks each student's time has been well taken up in getting well prepared for the examinations now in progress, yet these busy days have not caused any slack in the work and well rendering of the programs.

I believe that in many respects the literary society is as important as any organization in the school, for it brings old and young together and helps to produce a friendly and lasting school spirit.

According to recent nominations for offices, it seems that the Preparatory Senior Class is going to carry the day. I think there is but one office not having a senior in nomination and probably that is because none of them have musical talents; for the office without a senior nominee is that of chorister.

I am sure we appreciate the class spirit for it enlivens the society. At the last meeting a resolution for dis-

banding and reorganizing on the sex basis, was read and moved to be adopted. It was finally voted to be laid on the table. I hope some kind friend will get some glue and tacks and see that it stays there until the reading on it has vanished. We hate to see the society disband when it is being carried on so successfully.

P. F.

The Prohibition League

The Houghton Seminary Prohibition League is now engaged in the Journalistic Contest of the Association. Several papers are printing material prepared by our members and more are on the hopeful list. The reporter, G. T. McDowell, will be glad to receive the names and addresses of papers which will publish prohibition articles. We mean to win this contest for it is a good opportunity to advertise our school and the principles for which it stands.

Prohibitionists of the town met with members of the Association on the evening of Jan. 14 to discuss the sending of a representative to the National Prohibition Congress to be held in Chicago this month. The leaders of the party and men interested in the cause are to meet in that city to consider the interests of the party. The plans for a Greater Prohibition Party, a Boosters' Club, the Three Million League and similar methods of promoting the principles of the Prohibition Party which are now being operated successfully are to be considered and consummated.

G. T. M.

Miss Farnsworth spent the Holidays at her home at Shirley, Mass.

Prof. H. W. McDowell assisted Edward Elliott, one of our students, in services at Haskell Sunday, Jan. 1.

Rev. E. W. Bruce will supply the Presbyterian church at Centerville the rest of the winter.

G. T. M.

Athletics.

Boys' Athletic Notes

Basket Ball is the game of the day. As we have no interscholastic games, some interest was worked up by the Fourth Year English Class challenging the school to a game. The College team accepted. Three games followed with victories for the Preps. The largest attendance of the year was at these games. Perhaps better games would result if more teams would organize. By the way, inter-scholastic debate: why not inter-scholastic games?

A. R. C.

Although the Girls' Athletic Association has given no detailed account of its doings, yet you must not conjecture that nothing has been going on.

At present basket ball is the all important game, although during the fore part of the school year, tennis was played by several.

A new basket ball has been purchased and is very much enjoyed by the players.

No regular teams have, as yet, been organized, the sides being chosen for the game after arriving at the gymnasium. The last game consisted of four players, two on each side. Although few in numbers, it was full of interest and enthusiasm, the score being ten to ten. We have had a number of very interesting times.

Girls, the last half of this school year, shall we not make basket ball count more than it has in the past. This can be done by each one being full of zeal and enthusiasm for the play and by doing her best to make it successful.

New members to the association are always welcome and very desirable.

E. A. H.

Alumni and Old Students.

H. H. Hester '11, Editor

Timothy Pomeroy, '06, Wesleyan pastor in Topeka, Kans., has recently had some good stories in the Sunday School Banner.

Stanley Wright, '10, an Oberlin Senior this year, spent part of his Christmas vacation here. Stanley remains a loyal son of Houghton. He said to the students in Chapel on January 3, "Not that I love Oberlin less, but that I love Houghton more." He said again, "Students, sing your Alma Mater more."

Roy Washbon, '10, is enjoying farm life at his home, Black Creek, N. Y.

Bessie Tucker, '01, and her grandmother are visiting in Rochester.

Will Frazier, '06, pastor at Forks-ville, Pa., and family spent Christmas at his father's home near Bath, N.Y.

Alpha Bedford, '03, a Buffalo milliner, is at home in Houghton for awhile.

Perry Sage, '04, pastor at Pope's Mill, N. Y., Macomb charge, has three appointments covering a circuit of 17 miles. He had Elder C. H. Dow of Houghton with him for a four weeks' meeting last fall. We hear good reports therefrom.

The charge of Le Roy Mattoon, Forestdale, has also enjoyed a spiritual uplift through the services of Brother Dow.

Maud Woodbridge is attending normal at Potsdam, N. Y. She will soon hold a State Certificate.

Edna (Short) Mitchell and her husband are attending school at Holton College, Kansas.

Alfred Glover is working his way as a collegian in Wichita Friends University, Kans.

Imo Jones is enthusiastically taking up her work in inaugurating a dispensary system in connection with

our mission at Kunso, Africa.

Vestal Markey is working in the Drovers' State Bank, Miltonvale, Kans. and playing the E flat tuba horn for the School Band. He writes, "We are having fine weather. The boys can play tennis in the afternoon and go skating in the evening."

Wesley Dow is enjoying school life at Miltonvale. He is the leader of a Harmonica Band recently organized there.

Mrs. Blanche (Hartson) Thompson, '02, the wife of the President of our school at Central, S. C., writes some very interesting news about Houghton's old students in the south. She says that Mary Lawrence is at home, Ashburn, Ga., this year studying music. Mary's sister, Mrs. Nora Smith of New York is spending the winter at Ashburn. "Mrs. Hancock, known to former students as Ella Willis, with her characteristic gentleness, is daily making her modest influence felt among the students. She has four Latin classes and three classes in English."

Alumni, former teachers, and old students, we are interested to know where you are and what you are doing. And you want to know about your acquaintances and classmates of the good old days at Houghton Sem. upon the hill. Just drop us a line, won't you? We would be especially glad to have a regular correspondent from our schools at Miltonvale, Central and Fairmount.

Locals.

JAS. W. ELLIOTT, Prep., Editor

College Notes

Dec. 16. After the literary societies had adjourned, the members of the college department remained to discuss the matter of having a college society. This was the second meeting held. It was decided to or-

ganize a society and a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution.

On the making of matches C.Floyd Hester.

Mr. Ostlund spent the holidays with his people in Penn.

Miss Day acted as matron at the dormitory during the holidays.

Miss Anna Davison spent the greater part of the vacation in Rushford at the home of Rev. J. F. Wright.

On Friday eve before Christmas, a party of Houghton students (mostly college) went in a sleighload to a Christmas tree in the school house at Dutch Hill. They report a good time in spite of a stormy evening, and bad roads which nearly caused a tip over.

Jan. 13. The Trigonometry class took the examination preparatory to the Regents' exams. The question at the end of each one's tongue is, "How is Trig?"

A college Sophomore is thinking seriously of having a chair made of opalized wood for his room in Houghton Hall.

Edward Elliott spent the holidays at Haskell Flats where he preaches.

F. H. Wright held revival services at Higgins Corners. He was assisted by Rev. H. C. Shares.

Walter Willover enjoyed his Christmas vacation at home, Haskell Flats.

It is a very remarkable fact that Mr. H. H. Hester was able to forget his Prohibition campaigning and to remain in Houghton during vacation.

M. M. B.

Preparatory.

The preparatory students have all returned from vacation at "Home," eager for work and in better condition for it, since many have been heard to affirm that they had "gained ten pounds during the Holidays."

Walter Willover, translating Cicero: "Thus they laid claim to a stranger because he was a poet even after his death." Strange!

The Senior Preps. are coming on! In the Neosophic Literary Society one night, an effort was made to give all the members of the fourth year class the honor of holding an office in the H. S. N. S. Mr. Tremaine McDowell was especially active in this good work and will doubtless be given a vote of thanks.

Mr. James Elliott, having had some previous experience in that line, has been duly installed as the "congenial salesman" of the seminary book store. For the rest of the year he will do all the selling of goods for M. A. Gibbs, the proprietor.

June Keeler in Ancient History: "Lycurgus didn't write the constitution of Greece, Professor, it just 'grewed.'" She must have been thinking of "Topsy."

The King of Terrors, old La Grippe has arrived at Houghton since vacation and has paid his respects to many of our students. Among the unfortunate number are Misses Mary Hubbard, Lois Thompson, Armenia Kimble, Opal Smith, Francis Blood, Don McCarty, Ella Jones, Ava Curtis, Mr. Charles Bues and others.

Mid-Year Finals have descended full upon us, and many of the Preparatory students have the advantage over those in college in that they enjoy the long-looked-forward-to(?) privilege of taking the Regents' examinations! There is many an anxious eye and wrinkled forehead in the Seminary Halls, and some real work is being accomplished. For the standard is kept high in Houghton and the conditions are quite contrary to those expressed in the following sentiment of many schools:

"It's pony here and pony there,
And pony all the time;
She says, 'I think it isn't fair,
You've got higher marks than mine!"

O. L. S.

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