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PRES. LUCKEY GIVES STIRRING CHAPEL ADDRESS

We are glad to report that we were greatly pleased to have a good long chapel talk from our President Luckey a few days ago.

In his unceasing efforts for our college charter and various other duties with which he is very much over crowded we had missed his addresses from the rostrum for sometime back.

The days previous to the Board Meeting at Syracuse were of course full of hard work for him and he seemed rather over burdened and depressed.

Great was our joy however to find him very hopeful for the future and seemingly bearing up strongly under his load on his return from a visit to Albany and a strenuous week of board meeting. We were rewarded for our waiting when he told us that the prospects for the charter were if anything better than last year.

In a stirring address he brought forth the essential reasons for the existence of Houghton Seminary, and set forth the Ideals to which our school must cling if she fulfills her mission. He stated in a very effective manner the fundamentals of success in church and school and encouraged the presentation of the chief principles of the Christian faith in this age of spiritual deflection from the essential things in life.

The student body as a whole was very appreciative of this address and the expression of confidence and co-operation with which our president closed his address. We look forward with hope and renew the battle for Houghton ideals and a state charter with courage.

TOUCHING SOME OF THE HIGH SPOTS IN THE GRAND CANYON DEDICATION TOUR

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle party left New York City by special train, which included pullman equipment of the most modern type, with such features as a club car, observation and library car, assembly

car est. The purpose of this tour was to assist in the dedication of the Grand Canyon into a National Park.

The Eagles first stop was at Charlottesville, Va. taking the motor cars from there to Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

The party was especially honored by the presence of Congressman Jefferson M. Levy, owner of Monticello, who personally conducted the party through and about the home.

Across to Charlottesville proper then

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REVIVAL SERVICES

Truly the season of revival meetings which have just come to a close here, is one long to be remembered by the students of Houghton Seminary and the towns people of this place.

Under the forceful preaching by Rev. W. H. Marvin evangelist and vice president of the Allegheny Conference of Sandy Lake, Pa., Many students of the school and people of the community have been brought into a closer relationship with God.

The meetings began on February 11th and were to have lasted two weeks but on account of the deep conviction that had gripped so many hearts, yet unyielded, it was decided to have them continue for another week.

Brother Marvin as a man of deep spirituality, entirely devoted to Gods work and although he labored somewhat under physical difficulties part of the time, the Lord touched his heart and tongue, and the messages he brought were indeed, "quick and powerful and sharper than and two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, discerning even the thoughts and intents of the heart."

He dealt somewhat upon the subject of sin and its sure consequence—hell, revealing the awful state in which the soul must exist after death unless repentance from sin is made in this life. With

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JAMES ELLIOTT VISITS HOUGHTON

Missionary Elect to South America

South America has been claiming our attention of late, mainly because it's needs were forcefully brought before us last Sunday night by Rev. James Elliott. Mr. Elliott was for several years a student of Houghton and later a very efficient member of our faculty. For some time he and his wife have felt the call to this 'Neglected Continents' but because our church had no field in that place they have hesitated until the Lord opened up another way. Now we may proudly call them our missionaries for our Board are paying their expenses as they go under 'The Evangelical Union'. We hope their consecration to God and the needs of this indeed needy field will be the means of influencing more of our young people to invest their lives in this Continent.

Mr. Elliott began by reading Acts I in which we find the account of Pentecost. Thus he said Pentecost formed the basis for all Missionary preparation. Job 12: 25 gives an idea of the conditions of every class of people without God, thus it is a clear picture of the people of South America. He compared North America with South America. They are similar in form, in ranges of mountains, both have bias river systems, and both are the homes of wanderers. South America presents the greatest open space of the world and will prove to be one of the great nations if the Lord tarries. But North America was settled by Europeans from the Rio Grande up, Pilgrims whose purpose was to establish a Christian religion. The Spaniard came to South America with a much different motive, for adventure and to make money by whatever means they could use. There the present immoral race, and which always will be immoral until Christ lifts them, comes from a mixture of Spanish and the Indians. Therefore these people are not entirely to blame for their awful condition because it has been inherited. The Pilgrims came here

with a religion based upon the Word of God. Not so in Latin America. The Spanish came with the creed of Rome and Catholicism is much worse there than in our country. Here it has been restrained by Christianity, there it is at its worst. It has withheld education from its own people, although it has its own schools conducted mainly for priests. Only as others have brought in education are any schooled in popular education. Hence her people are very illiterate. South America has but two classes of people, the very rich and the very poor. The rich do no work. The poor or a large per cent of them are in a pitiable condition bought with the estate and receive an average wage of from ten to twenty cents a day. They live in miserable huts and are forced to support their families in this way. Of course they cannot do it on this wage and as the stores are owned by the land owners, they come into the World with an inherited debt from their forefathers. The conditions of the women in the cities are depressing and they are helpless unless we reach them with the Gospel. Four religious beliefs are found in South America, 1st, heathenism, these people are just as much heathens as when Columbus came. 2nd, Catholic. 3rd, Growing Protestant, small in numbers but growing. 4th, Atheism and skepticism. These people have been kept in ignorance by the church a few have gone to Europe and North America, but have not come in contact with real godliness. Hence they have concluded that all religion is like the Catholicism of South America. They do not want it and are as a result Atheists and Skeptics.

Attempts are made to keep the Bible from the people, threats are made to keep them from reading it, but in spite of all this a few have experienced real salvation. Old men sometimes travel on foot for miles to obtain a Bible and because of the great demand for them have to be denied the Word after all their efforts to get one. How long will we permit these cases to exist? An important feature of the evening was a song 'America Del Sur' which was well rendered by a mixed quartette. This song was composed by Brother Elliott. We appreciated Brother Elliott's presence and let us add these worthy people to our prayer list as they go to this needy field. H. G. R.

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many illustrations to bring out his points, he roused the people to the true state of their hearts and as a result the altar was filled nearly every night with seekers either to be saved or sanctified. We believe that the great majority of these went deep in their desire of God and that their determination is to be true under any circumstance.

These Revival meetings had been the special subject of prayer for weeks before the time was set for them. On Thursday morning watch meetings, students prayer meetings and other prayer services many petitions were sent up for the unsaved. Such rich blessings and assurance came to those who had the burden on their hearts, that great faith developed for the success of the meetings.

We believe that "prayer changes things" and just as God has wonderfully answered prayer for these meetings, He will answer prayer for a continuous revival and a steady deepening of spirituality in His own people. Let us who count ourselves children of God be steady, true, self-denying soldiers in deed, pray and that God may use us as channels to bring to himself the number who yet do not know Him as their personal Savior.

A. L. B.

Do your best and leave the rest!
Whats the use of worry?
Firm endeavor stands the test
More than haste and hurry.
Rich rewards will come to him
Who works on with smiling vim.
-Selected.

CHAPEL TALKS---

REV. W. H. MARVIN

We were very grateful for having had the privilege of hearing a series of chapel talks by Rev. W. H. Marvin, evangelist during the two weeks of special meetings.

The subject of his talks was the law of God and man's obligation to that law. Speaking at one time from Gal. 5:13, 14, he said that the law of God is not merely a creed, but is a principle of benevolence and divine affection in the soul. He said further, "Love is the law condensed into one word. It is not a mere theory but is life within the soul. Obedience to this law of love brings a law of happiness. Multi-

tudes are setting aside the law of God and accepting creeds of men, but regardless of this, God cannot change, the law cannot change, neither can the fixed penalty for transgression of that law change, and if we fail to meet the obligation of the law we are under the curse."

On another instance he referred to the parable of the good Samaritan. "Place ourselves in the place of the man who fell among the thieves. The Levite passes us. We recognize him as he stops to look at us, but he offers no aid and passes on. What is our opinion of his religion? He has the opportunity to help but he hardens his heart and goes away, leaving us in our distress. His obligation was to help but he did not meet that obligation. We can put our sense of obligation in a good many similar forms. There is a special standard that each one of us believes to be right and we expect others to live up to it but how about our-selves?"

Brother Marvin mentioned the life that Paul lived. "Paul supposed himself to be a righteous man until God revealed the truth to him. He was a religious man like one to day that might be in church doing good deeds, etc., yet might be void of the true principle of law. We must meet the demands of Christian perfection if we expect to reach people and help them, but we cannot do it without God. It is heart principle that God looks at. Love of God in the heart is the principle. But our natural heart does not care to conform to that principle unless the grace of God comes into it.

The physical law pertains to outward expression and is satisfied if we conform merely to the outward letter of the law. It never looks at the state of the heart, but with God's law it is different. Any ill will in the heart toward men will bring condemnation of God upon it. The mere purpose, of heart if evil, brings one under the wrath of God for He said, "He that hateth his brother is a murderer." Whether we have a chance to gratify the evil tendencies of our heart or not, if evil thoughts receive the sanction of our will, we will have to pay the penalty. We have no grounds for mercy while our hearts are in disobedience to God's will.

In all his talk's Brother Marvin placed great emphasis upon this great law of God which is the rule of conduct for every soul to live by. May the Lord help us to live a Godly fear and measure our lives up to this law of love. A. L. B.

people were assembled there, and I should think the estimate was right, for it was people everywhere as thick as they could stand for about a block and a half in every direction and the strange thing about it was that most everybody could hear about every word of his address. They had an electrical device that magnified his words so that people who were standing about a block and a half away could hear him clearly. I was standing in about the center of the plaza, I should say three hundred or three hundred and fifty feet away and I only missed a very few words of his address. The Bell Telephone Company put this in for the occasion, and it certainly was the wonder of all present.

After the address, people quietly went to their homes, and the Senate went back into the Senate chamber, and were called to order by Vice-President Coolidge. President Harding walked in and took a seat beside the Vice-President, and was at once given an opportunity to speak, and he arose and announced the ten members of his cabinet, touching a little on why he had chosen them to be his official family, and asked that they be confirmed. They were confirmed without a question or a dissenting word from any of the Senate. This was entirely a new departure from former plans of naming the cabinet. It has always been on the next day after the new President was sworn in. I think as far as I can judge that people as a rule think well of the choice he has made of his cabinet. They were nearly all on hand and by noon on the fifth of March were in their several departments, having already been sworn in as the heads of the same. Most all of them had been here several days before conferring with the men they succeed so that they could get a line of the work before them. As far as one can judge from what one hears here, I think the best of feeling was manifested by the out-going cabinet members and in many cases I know that the hearty good wishes for the new cabinet members' success was expressed by the outgoing members.

President Harding left the Capitol before three o'clock going to the White House which is to be his home for the next four years. Later in the afternoon many of his Ohio friends and neighbors called on him and in the evening I understand he and his wife entertained the immediate members of the family at supper, or dinner as they call it here.

In the late afternoon a large number of

ex-President Wilson's local friends called on him at his home on S. Steet. They met in front of the house and some speeches were made by some of them and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson greeted them through an open window. There is a general feeling of pleasure that Mr. Wilson stood the exercises of the day so well and that he seems to be gaining in health slowly.

Regarding President Harding's speech, as I say I think it was well received. He is a fine speaker and seemed perfectly at home on the platform. He took the oath on the Bible that was used by Washington. It was brought here for that purpose from New York. The Scripture passage that he touched his lips to was Micah, the sixth chapter and eighth verse.

In his speech he seemed to fully realize the great questions which this nation must face in the years of the immediate future and counselled unity of purpose on the part of all. He said there should be no class, no class group, no section in legislation or administration.

Production in stead of destruction should be our watchword as a nation of free people. His thought seemed to go out in sympathy for the devastated states of the old world and counselled the fostering of the spirit of helpfulness for all, but like Washington, seemed to want us to keep out of any military alliance with any other nation.

He said his prayer for America was for industrial peace and added that we must be watchful for enemies from within as well as for enemies from without. He said if the sole responsibility for the welfare of this nation rested with the executive department of the government he would shrink from the task, but he said, "We are a hundred million people, with common concern, and we are answerable to God and country, and I invite co-operation. I accept my part with single-mindedness of purpose and humility of spirit and I implore the favor and guidance of God in His heaven. With this I am not afraid to face the future."

I have taken the solemn oath of office on that passage of Holy Writ wherein it is asked, 'What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?' To this I pledge myself, to God and our country."

I thought these closing words were the keynote of his address. There was a good deal of cheering during his address by the great throng of people when good points were made. To-day the President

has arranged to have about ten from the Senate and twelve or fifteen from the House of Representatives take dinner with him at the White House for a conference in national affairs. So he seems to be trying to put co-operation into practice at once. To-morrow morning at eleven o'clock he has called the first meeting of his cabinet and he has invited Vice-President Coolidge to meet with them thus carrying out his pledge during the campaign to have the Vice-President take an active part in the administration. It seems to me that things are starting off well.

Very truly yours, L. F. Houghton.

MOORE HAVEN, FLA.

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Current News

Invitations were received at Houghton, New York for the marriage of Blanche Elsie Trafford to Mr. Harold Lee De Priester on Friday, February the twenty-fifth. Miss Trafford was a former student of the Seminary. We all extend best wishes to her and congratulations to Mr. De Priester.

Mrs. Wells who was Miss Arnold when here in school now has a two-pound baby. Miss Stebbins has been caring for her but has returned and resumed her work now.

Mr. Chas. Chilton from Tennessee who spent a few days here recently, has gone to Meadville, Pa., to look over the school there.

Rev. David Anderson spent a few days in town on his return from the meeting held at Falconer, N. Y. It is reported that the meeting there was very successful. He is now holding meetings in Cattaraugus, N. Y.

Paul Readett and Ray Keeler spent the week-end, Feb. 25-27, at their respective homes in Olean, also Winifred Willover at her home near Cuba.

Rev. Chas. Sicard and Miss Helen Sicard were in Olean Saturday, Feb. 26, to attend the wedding of Miss Pearl Schouten, Prep. '16, to Mr. Reese of Niagara Falls. Bro. Sicard performed the ceremony.

Mr. Neville, an old Houghton student, was in town recently.

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horns in the world.

Passing through small towns like Marfa, Texas we found ourselves at El Paso. In a short time we were on the trolley cars ready to go to Ciudad Juarez, a Mexican city just across the Rio Grand.

We crossed the famous International Bridge. On the Mexican side were three native soldiers, one in khaki, the other two in fancy blue uniforms with red striped trousers. A few were quick enough with Kodaks to get a picture of "local color". But most of the would-be photographers were too late, for the Mexican officials appeared and ordered cameras to be given up and collected our passports. For the next few hours we moved in another world, Gambling houses and saloons on every side. We went through Roy Martin's famous "Tivoli" where the roulette wheel, the wheel of fortune, dice and card games were going on at full speed. The sun's shadows were lengthening when we returned to our U. S. A. glad to be under The Stars and Stripes.

The dinner that evening was a long to be remembered one. It was Mexican with Chili con carner, Enchiladas a la tapatia, etc. It all looked well on the menu card but many a plate was carried back with peppery morsels untouched.

The next day we detrained at Miami, Arizona where we visited the copper mines before starting on the 120 mile trip to Phoenix via of the Apache Trail.

The Apache Trail Trip was a never to be forgotten one. There is not a yard of this journey which does not hold interest. The curving mountain road winds through canyons, tortuous and high-walled, along the edge of tremendous precipices that sink for hundreds of feet below. Gaunt buttes and mighty mesas, gardens of cactus growth, cliff dwellings of forgotten peoples, lakes, the Roosevelt Dam which is one of the largest artificial bodies of water in the world. It is four miles wide at its broadest point and thirty miles long, reaching for equal distances into the canyon of Salt River and Tonto. The Dam itself is an immense barrier 280 ft. in height and 1125 ft. in length.

As the shades night of were falling we swung down into the now fertile plain which was a barren waste before the Dam was built.

Tired and with our eyes full of dust we arrived at the Hotel Adams, glad of a chance to wash up before meeting Governor and Mrs. Thomas Campbell of Arizona who were there to meet us. It was

my privilege to be one of the six ladies to sit at the table with the charming Mrs. Campbell.

I shall only mention by name many interesting places and features of the trip up to the Dedication of the Grand Canyon. Motor drive across Arizona Desert to Casa Grande, Calexico, El Centro, Cal., a daylight trip inaugurating tourist travel over the San Diego and Arizona R. R. through the Carriso Gorge, Coronado Beach, Santa Barbara, Miramar Beach, Del Monte, San Francisco and vicinity -- visiting Golden Gate Park, Seal Rocks, an excursion by private launch about the harbor and across the bay, motor drive through Alameda, Berkeley, and Oakland visiting University of Cal., Greek Theater etc. A trip to Mt. Tamalpais and the Muir Woods, motor trips and horseback rides at the Yosemite Valley and to the Mariposa Big Tree Grove, drives to the Universal city at Los Angeles, Pasadena, Mount Rubidoux, Redlands, Smiley Heights Cajon Pass.

Friday morning April 30th 1920, the day of Dedication dawned. This was the day to which we had been looking forward to throughout the trip. The Dedication party gathered at El Tovar and were led by a band of Hopi Indians, natives of the Canyon region, to The Powell Monument where the exercises were to be held. There the world's greatest natural wonder became a National Park. A better place could not have been chosen. From the point on which the monument is located one gazes out over the panorama of rocky battlements strangely-shaped and with colors ever changing as if by magic. Some of the speakers were Director Mather, former Congressman Bassett, Dr. Wharton James, the author, Col. H. C. Rizer and Gov. Campbell.

After spending three memorable days here we again started eastward stopping at the Petrified Forest where everyone obtained a few specimens of the agatized wood and at Santa Fe.

Our next trip was over the Raton Pass to Trinidad where we again boarded the cars for St Louis where our last banquet was held at the Statler Hotel.

No more stops of importance were made and we arrived at New York on schedule time.

Lavina Thayer Babbitt

Miss Oneida McMillan of Falconer N. Y., was a recent visitor at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Anderson.

INAUGURATION AT WASHINGTON

The new President took the oath of office March 4th as planned. He rode from the White House with President Wilson, followed by a half dozen automobiles in which the secret service men, the Vice-President and Vice-President-elect, Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Wilson, Members of the Congressional Committee, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Coolidge rode and a company of cavalry escorted the party up Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol. President Harding's wishes were observed, so that there was no great parade and military display as in former years.

This is the fourth inaugural I have witnessed, and to my mind it was really the most impressive, and seemed most appropriate for a republic like ours, and I think it met with the approval of all thinking people. There was no lack of a great crowd of people, Pennsylvania Avenue was lined on both sides fifteen or twenty feet deep, reaching from the White House to the Capitol over a mile in length.

President Wilson had to be helped wherever there were steps to go up or down, but he walked slowly with a heavy cane on the level floor. He went into the President's office at the Capitol, and at the same time the Congressional Committee came in and asked President Wilson if he had any communication to make to the Senate and he told them no. Then he was invited to go into the Senate chamber where Vice-President Coolidge was to take the oath of office. He replied that he guessed he would not go in as the Senate had turned him down once and he did not want to go in and fall down, thinking I suppose that he might stumble and fall in the attempt to walk that far. He then left the Capitol and was driven to his home here in Washington.

In the Senate chamber Vice-President Marshall made a nice short speech and turned the gavel over to Vice-President Coolidge, he at once was sworn in as Vice-President and immediately called the Senate to order and called on the Chaplin of the Senate to lead in prayer. After a short speech the Senate took a recess and all went out on the platform on the east steps of the Capitol and President Harding was sworn in and at once began his Inaugural address which was well received by the great throng gathered there on the plaza at the east front of the Capitol. It was estimated that fully fifty thousand

SERVICES IN CHAPEL

In connection with the Revival Meetings conducted by Brother Marvin at the church here, afternoon services have been held in the chapel each afternoon of the week Feb. 25 — March 4. Rev. Oneida McMillan, the very successful pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Falconer was the chief speaker at these meetings and the Lord wonderfully helped her to give us some soul stirring messages. Her first talk appealed to every student and we were made to realize, if not before that God has a purpose in allowing us to be here in school. There are many reasons which different ones would give for being here but after all these are only indirect ones, the main one being because of God's great love, God has a cause for everything, hence one for putting us here not for a selfish purpose but that we might share in God's plan for humanity. She then went on to say that it's splendid to get an education, but we have one great mission in life and that to glorify God. We should choose our vocations under God's direction, choose that which will according to our ability enable us to best glorify our Creator. God puts that spark of divinity in us that will not let us rest outside of God. Earth's pleasures are only void nothing will really satisfy but God. What we need these days is men and women who are literally carrying the grapes of Canaan around with them so as to make others hungry for this wonderful salvation.

Another talk emphasized the need of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, to establish hearts who had been saved.

These services proved to be fruitful and at every service seekers found their way to God. Shouts and praises filled the chapel more than once and we are sure this is a beginning of good things for Houghton.

Pres. Luckey and others see the need of emphasizing the spiritual side of the students lives, which we are sure is the correct attitude for our church schools and we are proud to have it so.

Miss Mc Millan remained over Sunday March 5-7 and held some very fruitful services at the Church Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mr. White in geometry class, "before you close your books open them again to the same page."

MOORE HAVEN, FLA.

FEB. 9, 1921.

To the Editor of the Star:

How are you and your folks these days? While you are waiting to tell me about that, please tell me how all of my good Houghton friends are and what is doing in the old home town.

I suppose you are up to your ears in work with studying and school activities and the Star. I certainly sympathize with you and hope you do not get swamped. The Star is fine, but the honors cannot be cashed at the bank. I wouldn't look at fifty dollars in cash as an inducement to accept the editors work and responsibility. Nuf sed—except that I sure want my Star to keep coming if I have to pay a dollar per year for it.

I wish you could have been along with me from the time I left Houghton—if you could have done it without loss to your health. It may be that you could appreciate the life, but the average fellow might not; for instance:—

On the 27th of October, Arthur and I hit the trail for Bear Wallow Brook. This brook is located below the Fish Ponds in the Adirondacks, Warren Co. I carried a pack of sixty or seventy pounds, Arthur had less. For the first three and a half miles there was a beaten trail and we got on fairly well. The day was dark and misty and grew darker; the mist turned to a fine rain and the fine rain to a steady drizzle that came down easily and plentifully and was not fine—no, it certainly wasn't fine at all!

About the time the rain got settled down to steady work—no I do not mean that, it was not work, there was no work about it; it just came down freely and plentifully without any effort whatever!—About the time the rain got settled down to steady drizzling, we came to the parting of the ways; in other words the ways of civilization departed here from the ways which men took and the ways which, took differed so widely that there was no trail for us to follow. We faced two miles of soaked woods in a soaking rain—and about a mile of it was through a fir and alder swamp, which fur and all der bushes was very wet! You know what a soaked woods is like; the bushes grow into the most ingenious shapes for collecting quantities of raindrops! And they cling to those drops like they wanted to get every drop larger and couldn't let one go. But the moment you touch the bush

every drop, large and small, comes down, and you are always under the bush where they come! You get two showers at once—no, you get one shower twice. That isn't exactly right either; you get two showers at once and twice as much of one shower. Well, that is what we got, a well in each shoe—a regular gusher.

We reached Bear Wallow brook just before nightfall. Then all at once we

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sped the autos leaving the tourist on the beautiful campus of the University of Virginia where President Alderman met and guided us through and around the various buildings. He told us many interesting things about the school and the "Honor System" which is working out very satisfactorily.

Soon we were on the train again speeding farther and farther south leaving the cold unseasonable weather far behind us.

The next morning found us clambering into large sightseeing cars at Chattanooga, Tenn. One can understand the battles of by-gone days much better after visiting Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga National Park, and Missionary Ridge.

The following day the journey was over the Sothern Railway through Alabama and Georgia to New Orleans, Louisiana where we were impressed by rows of vast docks developing a new port, quaint scenes in the ancient French and Creole quarters, a great many cemeteries of which the Sotherners were very proud, splendid motor drives, above all the sothern hospitality.

Boarding the "Special" the "Eaglets" crossed the muddy Mississippi and were bound due west to Jennings, La. There the party motored through many rice plantations, viewed the pumping system by which the fields are irrigated.

The Mermentau River was one of the beautiful spots in this section, the banks of the sluggish waters were bound by a dense tangle of tropical vegetation. A great many of the party gathered some of the Spanish Moss and sent it home to friends.

In the afternoon an interesting hour was spent at Sulphur where there are mines and refineries. We viewed a huge

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Editorial

THE MODERN DANCE

The modern dance is being thought, and I believe not without reason, to be a menace which in some subtle way is steadily undermining our social strata. Houghton College is decidedly of this opinion. We take a firm stand against the modern dance because its principles are diametrically opposed to the fundamental reasons for our existence. Our educational

leaders feel that the modern dance cannot be employed as an aid in the process of turning out young men and women of staunch, well-defined moral principles and Christian character. We feel that the latest hops, trots, and wiggles are especially hostile to strong character and mental acumen. It is a travesty on reason to expect even the highest type of young manhood and womanhood to emerge from a twentieth century "wiggle" composed of heathen mysticism, oriental fickleness and occidental adaptability without degeneration of both mind and body. If some say, as the occasional drinker, I can indulge and not be ruined, it is a social crime to tolerate—to say nothing of popularizing a social program that is sure to work the downfall of less independent members of society. I believe the latest effusions of the modern dance are absolutely committed to the destruction of worthy ambition and deep sincerity of purpose.

What to do about it is the question. Any other social and economic enemy is attacked and repulsed. Why not the modern dance? Are the leaders of our social communities so lacking in mental and spiritual vitality that a menace, tho popular, shall be allowed to undermine our social and economic strata, to say nothing of religious efficiency, until we follow the course of the nations and finally cease to function as a sturdy and self-respecting republic? The thing to do is for parents, ministers, and college authorities, those who are the natural guardians of the finer phases of civilization to assert firm and consistent influence against this evil.

Let the progressive type of young people get the vision of a more worthy object in life than social dissipation and take a self-respecting stand against "rosy-tinted vice" and launch a self-developing, virile program eliminating the weakening influences all too evident in the modern dance.

Extremes breed extremes—we cannot expect to get normal results from abnormal methods. The only thing to do is to take vigorous, radical measures to eliminate this source of well-founded concern.

J. D. W.

Grieve not that men know not you;
 grieve that you know not men.

Confucius.

SCHOOL DAYS

School days, dear old golden school days,

Readin' and writin' and 'rithmetic,
 Taught to the tune of the hickory stick, etc.

Yes, dear old golden school days. Many are the men and women who would give all they have if they could recall some of those days and live them over or if they could have been greater in number. And really where in life are days more pleasant, more full of fun, more profitable than those spent in school? But if we could realize this while we are in school how much more profitable they might be.

Many a time we hear from those now out in life's school say, "Oh! If I only had taken better advantage of those opportunities which I had then. I am just beginning to appreciate my school days now." And it's true. We never appreciate opportunities as we ought until they have passed from us.

So let's begin to make the best of what is ours now and improve our time while in school. Never again in life will you find anyone more interested in your welfare than your teachers. Let us make it known to them that we appreciate their interest in us by preparing our lessons well, proper conduct, co-operation, etc. Then our school days will mean more to us and fewer regrets will be ours when these good old days will be passed.

H. G. R.

GRAND CANYON TOUR

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pile of sulphur valued at \$ 3,000,000. While we were there a great chunk of it was blasted out leaving a lasting impression on our minds and tears in our eyes.

We crossed the Texas line the next day and stopped at San Antonio, the second oldest city in the United States and the cradle of Texas Liberty. An interesting motor trip carried us to all the old Spanish Missions, the army posts the aviation fields and Breckenridge Park. We were left at the Alamo which is the sacred ground wheron Davy Crockett and his noble cohorts made American history.

Before leaving the above city the party visited the famous Old Buck Horn Cafe where there is the largest collection of



What Is Air Pressure?

THE air is composed of molecules. They constantly bombard you from all sides. A thousand taps by a thousand knuckles will close a barn door. The taps as a whole constitute a push. So the constant bombardment of the air molecules constitutes a push. At sea-level the air molecules push against every square inch of you with a total pressure of nearly fifteen pounds.

Pressure, then, is merely a matter of bombarding molecules.

When you boil water you make its molecules fly off. The water molecules collide with the air molecules. It takes a higher temperature to boil water at sea-level than on Pike's Peak. Why? Because there are more bombarding molecules at sea-level—more pressure.

Take away all the air pressure and you have a perfect vacuum. A perfect vacuum has never been created. In the best vacuum obtainable there are still over two billion molecules of air per cubic centimeter, or about as many as there are people on the whole earth.

Heat a substance in a vacuum and you may discover properties not revealed under ordinary pressure. A new field for scientific exploration is opened.

Into this field the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company have penetrated. Thus one of the chemists in the Research Laboratories studied the disintegration of heated metals in highly exhausted bulbs. What happened to the glowing filament of a lamp, for example? The glass blackened. But why? He discovered that the metal distilled in the vacuum depositing on the glass.

This was research in pure science — research in what may be called the chemistry and physics of high vacua. It was undertaken to answer a question. It ended in the discovery of a method of filling lamp bulbs with an inert gas under pressure so that the filament would not evaporate so readily. Thus the efficient gas-filled lamp of today grew out of a purely scientific inquiry.

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CURRENT NEWS

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ration has recently been purchased by Mr. M. C. Cronk of Fillmore and the store is now being run under his direction.

During the revival meetings we have been especially favored by the visits of evangelists and leaders from other places who have been with us for a little time and assisted us by their presence and prayers. Among these are Brothers Fero, Anderson, and Shea now in active evan-

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gelistic work and our sisters, Edith Hill, Mamie Rank, and Oneida McMillan.

Elizabeth Black is staying with Gladys Grange now.

Little Edna Lapham was obliged to have an operation for mastoid trouble at Warsaw not long ago. We extend our wishes for her speedy recovery.

Many of the students and townspeople have been receiving help during this series of meetings. Among them is Mr. Peck, our well-known station agent, who has a definite testimony to God's love. Ask him.

Mrs. A. Houghton has been sick. Hazel Jones assisted in caring for her.

Mrs. Grace McKinley returned home recently after a visit here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Steese.

February 22nd. was an eventful day. Dan Castner told us it was unusual to have two great people with a birthday on the same day, in this instance the Father of Our Country, and the Mother of Our School, Mrs. Bowen. In appreciation of her life of devotion the preparatory department presented her with a beautiful travelling bag. One class also gave her a birthday cake. We all join in wishing her many, many, happy returns.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cook announce the birth of Audrey Elaine on March 7, weight, eight and one-half pounds at the Danville, N. Y., General Hospital. Mrs. Cook will be remembered as Miss Nettie H. Bremlingen, an alumnus of Houghton.

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Athletics

B. A. A. Elects Officers

The semi-annual election of officers of the Boys' Athletic Association was held at a very late meeting. Mr. Royal Woodhead, an illustrious College Freshman, was elected to the highest office, that of the Presidency. Mr. Robert Haynes was chosen for the Vice-Presidency, while Mr. Wilber Clarke, one of our accomplished High School Seniors, easily holds down, both physically and mentally, the double office of Secretary and Treasurer.

We wish, right here, to thank our retiring officers for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged their official duties, and also our incoming officials for the excellent work that we know they will be able to do.

It seemed to be the opinion of a later

meeting of the association that we would have no field on which to play baseball this spring. If this is the case it is a very sad one indeed because there are many of us vitally interested in the great national sport, especially when played in the clean and sportsmanlike manner that it would be in Houghton Seminary. We wish to urge any person, or persons, who may have anything whatsoever to do with the matter, to use all their influence in order that the baseball field may be put into suitable condition for playing the game.

If, however, the field cannot be put into condition it was suggested that we centralize our efforts on minor sports and tennis. In order to do this, however, is essential for the association to buy some equipment, such as a vaulting pole, a hammer and a shot. To buy anything requires money and the only way in which the association can obtain this necessity is by enrolling as a member every boy in the Seminary. PAY YOUR \$.50 and enroll immediately.

Basketball

Old King "Basketball" still reigns supreme in "The School on the Genesee." Every afternoon when the boys gather to win or lose a game which brings each side nearer or farther from the rumored pennant crowds of students swell the side lines. We will be extremely glad when the gallery is finished in order that there may be a place to accommodate these crowds.

At present there seems to be so many stars that it is next to impossible to pick out the best in each position. We would call, "Kitterman," the new wonder, star tip off man "Larry Towell," a college Freshman and "Enty" a prep. Sophomore seem to be tied for the first honors as forwards. They each have a record of seven field tosses which ended in baskets, in a single game. The best guards seem to be the hardest of all to choose. "Battling Whipple" did fine work in a late game in which he played guard, but this is no more than can be said of; "Red Neal" a college Sophomore, or "Readett" the illustrious guard of the Freshman team or of "Castner" of the prep. Seniors.

The fight to head the list as the best team seems to have resolved itself into into a fight between the College Sophomors and Junior Highs. It would however be the height of folly to lure, make any sort of a guess as to which one it will be.

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SAYINGS OF OUR CELEBRITIES

Asquith—"Lend me a dollar."

Kemp—"I ripped my Sunday pants."

Rollman—"Now lock here, fellow."

Morse—"Boys, Oh Boys!"

Tubby Clark—"Pretty keen, ain't it old man."

Readett—"Oh shucks."

NEW BOOKS

"How to Raise a Moustache" by Lawrence Towell. He speaks from experience.

"10,000 Things Worth Knowing" by Joe Kemp. So does he. He knows them all.

Whipple: Always put your jokes on thin paper so I can see through them.

Towell:—Do you know that girl over there?

Haynes:—No.

Towell:—I thought so.

Haynes:—Why?

Towell:—She looks like a nice girl.

Lusk:—Will you have milk or tea?

Miss Kelly:—No, thank you.

Lusk:—We haven't any coffee.

Crowd of boys and girls singing in Physics room:

Kitty E.:—Marietta, play "He is Mine."

M. Fancher, looking around:—Which one?

We wonder if Neal is Luckey.

Miss Eddy:—Your mouth is open.

Fenno:—I know it. I just opened it.

"Daddy, are you growing still?"

"Why, my little man?"

"The top of your head is coming through your hair."