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Ring out ye wild bells of Yuletide's bright morning,
Welcome your dawn and let sunrise appear;
Peal forth your ecstasy, pulsate its triumph,
"Christmas has come again, Christmas is here!"

Holly and mistletoe flaunt their gay colors,
Crimson and green with their bountiful cheer;
Hearthfires are blazing and children are singing,
"Christmas has come again, Christmas is here!"

Saviour of mankind who came that first Christmas,
Come to our world, make it glad everywhere;
Peace and good will let thy messengers herald,
Hear our prayer, Master, Oh hear thou our prayer!

Bless thou the khaki-clad lads who have left us,
Bless the marine boys in uniform blue;
Give them a Christmas of Heaven's good pleasure,
Grant them thy love and thy blessing anew!

Bless thou Our Flag by the trenches of Europe,
Let triumph come and the gloom disappear;
Till the glad bells ring the joy of next Yuletide,
"Christmas has come again; Victory is here!"

L. K. H.

HOUGHTON STILL TRUE

When an attempt is made to justify the existence of an institution and plead for its liberal support, particularly one sustained by moral sentiment and supported by popular contributions, two questions are pertinent: first, is it actuated by a lofty purpose and second, has it been reasonably successful in the fulfillment of that purpose. A satisfactory answer in the affirmative will go far in rallying its supporters about its standards with ever increasing readiness to make commensurate sacrifice to perpetuate its existence and increase its usefulness.

Does Houghton Seminary have a great purpose not realized in the average educational institution of its grade? This question could be quickly answered affirmatively with one word and be exactly true but a fitting appreciation of this school must be secured not merely by a direct study of its present ideals and activities but also of its entire history including the mission of the denomination of which it is the product. The Wesleyan Methodist Denomination was ushered into existence by a distinct call of God to contend for

Bible doctrines in their purity and christian reforms in their radical setting. It was soon discovered that success in this work would be impossible without a ministry and laity developed and trained in head and heart. Since it was called to do a work that other churches either neglected or refused to do it could not expect the denominational schools of those churches to train its young people for a mission with which they were not in sympathy. Hence the only way to provide for this need was to sustain a school of its own. Houghton Seminary is the concrete expression of this conviction. The purpose of this school then is and must continue to be exactly the purpose of the church that created it.

Has Houghton Seminary been true to its purpose? Has it been reasonably successful in fulfilling this purpose? In my judgment the evidence of both its devotion and its success is sufficient to warrant enthusiastic praise in its behalf. The large number of intelligent and Godly men and women in our home and foreign fields who were trained here indicate that. Again the many strong laymen in our churches with Houghton training bear corroborative evidence of the same conclusion. Some of the strongest defenders of our denominational positions today are graduates of Houghton Seminary. It is a real pity that good people ever should cease to liberally support an institution merely upon the ground that they have discovered that it is not absolutely perfect. A comparative study of the church and school will reveal defects in both. They are neither perfect but both are true and the appearance of defects is only another testimony of the imperfection of all things human. The school and church are both ours. Let us then royally support both and whenever improvement is needed insist upon more perfect conformity to our standards. Houghton Seminary will be in the future what the church makes it. Since the faculty and a large part of the student body must be products of our churches it readily appears that if the churches will improve the spiritual and reform qualities of its members Houghton will be proportionally improved along the same lines. Hence our duty is apparent, begin with the church and end with the school.

Chas. Sicard

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THE IMMORTAL VISION.

Out of the heart of yesterday's childhood, woven from the beautiful air castles built in the long lost hours of the past, harmonious with Nature, God and His plan for your future, the Vision came into your life. First it was merely a thought, perhaps brought about by a passing incident or suggestion, but it remained; it would not leave. You wondered why, you attempted to hide it in the heights of life's ambitions or to bury it in the depths of research and reflection, but it could not be hidden and would not be buried.

The vision meant a call to service. God honored you when He gave you that call and whispered: "This is the Way, walk ye in it." You struggled against Him, but He knew what was best—at last you yielded that stubborn will—and you found that His way is better, far easier even than the way you would have chosen for yourself.

But time went on. You were besieged by a whirlwind of responsibility and the the never-ending "things that are" in spite of all that says they are not. The vision still remained—but what? Why did a time come when a cloud overshadowed the vision? Why is it not the same as the day God gave you the first glimpse of His vineyard? And why have you forgotten that God called you? Say not that he never did! There is not a truly converted man or woman on earth whom God has not called to His service, no matter what station he demands, leader or armour-bearer. There is no such person on earth as a Christian without a specific responsibility to a Christless world.

Somebody is looking to you. Someone is going to follow your precept, is going to take your counsel, is going to make decisions for Eternity by the life they are watching in you. Somebody is trusting in you, is confidently trusting that what you do is the Right Thing. What if your edifice of life be faulty, what if your pattern be not after the one "given on the Mount?" What if you lose sight of the Vision?

Yet the question is not so much, "What will become of the other fellow if my spiritual duty is not done toward him;" the question is, "What will become of me if I fail to point my brother to the Lamb of God?" There is not one of us in Houghton Seminary, young or old, whom God has not called to some specific field of service. But do we realize it? Whoever you are, stop here and think—think concisely for a moment. What are you doing to tell the lost of a Savior who died to save the world?

Then ask yourself another question. Does your religion make your life brighter, braver, and better, or is it pessimistic, pretended piety? Perdition is not

paved with good intentions; it is paved with indifferently sanctimonious intentions. If your so-called Christianity has made you morose and indisposed toward lifting, get on your knees and ask Him for an outpouring of real Salvation from the New Jerusalem that cheers, enlivens, inspires, and radiates sunshine.

We need more practical Christianity. It would cure a thousand ills of gossip, a thousand heart aches, a thousand moods of discouragement. We need more sympathy, more unselfishness, more human fellow-feeling. And most of all we need more willingness for self-sacrifice. In the sight of Heaven the highest attainment of life is suffering for the sake of unselfish, devoted service, with a love for humanity that is in a measure the same love that impelled the Master to give his life for a world of aching hearts and sin blighted lives. Divine love is the fulfillment of the law, and out of its depths comes the broadness of Life's call to the whitened harvest fields, the imperative "Go Ye" that finds its answer in a responsive heart which has caught the Vision.

L. K. H.

THE NEW GYMNASIUM

What is the matter with Houghton Seminary's new gym? Nothing at all thank you. It is good now, it is getting better daily and when it is completed it will be best in Western New York.

Even now as it is still far from completion, and our anticipations of the future give us the greatest inspiration, this new object of our affection is playing no small part in our student life. The boys and girls have each been divided into physical training classes and every student is required to spend two forty five minute periods a week in vigorous drills at the gymnasium under the supervision of the directors. These drills are even now beginning to bring good results. The students are beginning to make practical proofs of the fact that in order to be most efficient in study they must give proper attention to the body. It is of course a good thing to know this but we as a student body believe it is still better to apply the given fact.

The gymnasium also helps the students morally and financially. Formerly a large number of the boys at the close of school would go down to the station or store and spend their time loafing and spending their money; they now go to the gymnasium where during their allotted time they take part in a really beneficial exercise at playing basket ball. This is prevented from going to excess by a rule that no one may have this privilege who does not do passing work in his studies. It can therefore be readily seen that the gymnasium

does not detract from the standing of the students but serves as an inducement to better work. We believe therefore, that this institution is a great asset in student life at Houghton.

Geo. Laug.

SOME STATISTICS

"The Star" has news which should make every student and every alumnus of the school say "Good stuff!," "Well done!," or "Thank the Lord!," according to age or religious development. The falling off last spring in attendance at the colleges thruout the country caused many to fear that the attendance at Houghton would soon be "approaching zero as its limit." However, we find that our present enrollment is only two below the number registered at this time last year. This is a record which few seminaries or colleges can equal. Further, all bills have been met to date and the teachers have been paid in hard cash, not in promisory notes. If the budget comes in according to schedule we shall finish the year out of debt. Such an achievement will be doubly glorious this year with the unusual world conditions as handicaps. God is certainly prospering the school. Whether He continues to do so depends on how we behave ourselves this year, for true Wesleyans do not send their money or their children to schools not fundamentally Wesleyanic. Our belief is that this prosperity will continue and even increase. Your part is to make that belief reality.

VOCAL DEPARTMENT PROGRESSING

The Vocal Department under Miss Gertrude Thurston is showing much vitality this year. Her enthusiasm and interest are inevitably contagious and as a result, the enrollment of students is good and their devotion to their new work sincere. Their appreciation of the instructor has already been commented upon in our columns and we need not enlarge upon it further. One of the most significant signs of the most constructive work on the part of any teacher is the offering of practical and desirable new courses. Miss T. has recognized the value of getting the younger boys interested in music with the result that we have a class for the special training of their voices. The success of public school music shows that such work is practical. Another definite need has been for our young students preparing for the ministry. Miss T. is therefore giving a general course in singing and conducting with a special course on the History of Religious Music. We can feel sure that the department will develop ever further under such guidance.

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PITT PARKER GIVES LECTURE

On the evening of December eleventh Mr. Pitt Parker gave his lecture "Seeing Things." He not only appealed to the ear in an entertaining manner but to the eye as well by means of the crayon. His caricatures revealed the difference between "looking at things" and "seeing things." They were both humorous and moral. His skill as an artist as well as a cartoonist was shown in such productions as, "The Landing of the Pilgrims," "Niagara Falls," "The Russian Retreat" and the rare beauty as seen about Mount Tacoma.

Tho the lecture had a humorous trend yet it possessed an undercurrent of sound philosophy, which like the sudden outbursts of an old geyser, revealed the true secrets of its depths.

PATRIOTIC RECEPTION.

On the evening of the fourth of December an informal reception was given in the Seminary library by the students and faculty. The social gathering was primarily intended to be a united farewell to Lieutenant Le Vay Fancher who has been here on a short visit at the home of his brother, Prof. Le Roy Fancher.

Lieutenant Fancher requested however, that the purpose of the reception be changed and that those present consider themselves met in honor of all the Houghton boys now in training camps or at the front.

The program began with "Love's Old Sweet Song" sung by the male quartette, followed by a short prayer by Rev. Mr. Sicard. The first speech was given by Prof. Hester who dealt with the various just causes of fighting. A short talk on "The Things Women Will Sacrifice for Democracy" was given by Miss Elsie Hanford. Mr. Benton next sketched briefly some of the interesting and soul stirring events of the Civil War. The last speaker was Prof. Fancher, who, although he seemed to think that his powers of oratory were not appreciated in private life, succeeded in bringing home to our minds the duty of every person who wishes the nation's success in this war. The floor was then given over to Lieut. Fancher himself, who related many interesting phases of the soldier's life. His advice to Houghton Students with regard to their duty to the boys at the front will doubtless be put into immediate and lasting practice. The closing number was "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by the male quartette.

E.M. H.

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Editorial

HEROES OF THE HOUR

This is a day of living heroism. The fiber of humanity is being tested in the fiery furnace of sacrifice and suffering; America is learning what it costs to marshal strength to the rescue of a conflict-torn cataclysm of nations. In this hour of crucial need we are facing issues whose outcome the individual consecration of Americans is largely responsible for. We cannot lightly regard the sphere of this responsibility; much is at stake, and together we must "think, act, and serve." May we catch a newer vision of what it means to live a totally unselfish life, heroic and gallant in a world that is giving its lifehood for freedom and mankind.

L. K. H.

SPEAK A GOOD WORD FOR LUCKEY'S SCHOOL
Fellow Students:

As we go to our respective homes this vacation why will it not be a good thing to speak a word to our friends in such a way that we may bring at least one new student back with us? Let us, in lieu of spending our vacation in "loafing" and gluttony and in any other kind of personal selfishness, experience the happiest one we ever spent, because we have found ourselves in losing ourselves to others. No one, with finite limitations, can estimate the potentialities of a word spoken opportunely. If the smile of a child

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will brighten the gloom of the darkest day, why will not a word, spoken in season, cause chords that were dormant, to vibrate once more with high, lofty and noble ambitions. Fellowstudents, let us know of the joy and the rest that comes only by pain and much weariness. Go with the thought that I am responsible for one more student. Will we do it?

LIFE OR DEATH, WHICH?

Houghton is giving a lesson in self-denial and sacrifice which other institutions of higher learning might do well to follow. In the place of sleighride parties, and the enjoyment of other rather expensive social functions, Houghton students will give to a cause which demands the attention of all who think---the relief of the starving Armenians. Is not this the time for heroic sacrifice? It is up to us to give life to a nation that is fast dying. Do we answer the call?

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

We are approaching the season of the year in which Heaven's best gift to earth is commemorated. Let us therefore adopt the same principle and send gifts, yes the best gifts to our boys in the training camps. Some may never be with us another Christmas, let us therefore make this one the best of all their lives. Heaven help us not to fail! By thy help we will not.

NOTICE

[Because the vacation period extends over the first of January there will be no January 1st issue of the Star. Editor.]

The Rostrum Speaks

LIEUT. FANCHER SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

Surely no one is so hardened that the sight of a clean, manly soldier does not thrill him. We were deeply impressed by this fact when Lieutenant Fancher visited his brother in Houghton. The talk he gave in chapel was not only interesting and impressive but also inspiring. He told of the condition in the camp in which he had been trained, of the rigid discipline, of the relationship of officers and rookies, of many other things which held us intensely interested. Talks such as this do not make a mere temporary impression but such that have an influence on our whole after life.

Mrs. I. F. McLeister, of Akron, Ohio, talked to the girls a few days ago on topics interesting to each

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one. Although we frequently hear similar addresses, her character made her message very forceful and she easily held the attention of all. Touching on various professions in which women now hold a prominent place, she showed in each of these a girl must retain her purity and womanliness to be a success. Although home, she said, is the true sphere of women, yet there are many other callings in life which a woman may follow and in no way lose her individuality.

We very much enjoyed Mrs. McLeister's remarks and would be glad if she could again find an opportunity to address us.

On Thursday Dec. 6 at 2:45 P. M., the members of the men's division of the student body were permitted to listen to wholesome words of counsel relative to a life of godliness. Some women also were present who, I am certain, will respond with a hearty Amen to the advice of our sister, Rev. Mrs. I. F. McLeister.

Were the principles of cleanliness and purity, industry and perseverance, courtesy and sociability as shown by the speaker to be fundamentally related to salvation, to be put in practice by every student they would contribute largely to our physical and spiritual well being, as well as to make Houghton Seminary a more ideal Christian institution. The ban would be placed on frivolity, rowdiness and rule breaking, and all concerned would be better able to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present evil world, looking for and hastening unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The remarks of our sister were based on the second chapter of Titus, the first verse of the twelfth of Ecclesiastes, and the twenty-fourth Psalm, consequently, we do not hesitate to bid her God speed in her work of faith and labor of love.

Francis B. Markell.

MRS. McLEISTERS ADVICE TO THE MEN

- Don't be premature.
- Don't spoon-- don't break down barriers. You don't want a girl hugged by everyone.
- Select a christian woman.
- Choose a home-maker.
- Select one who is neat.
- Prefer a modest girl to one more bold.
- Choose one kindred and equal in mentality.
- You should be a little older than the girl.
- Don't fall in love-- look carefully before you leap or love.

Students' Philosophy

The attitude of the students toward scholarship is noticeably attaining higher ground. Many of the students who are not keeping up their marks are "snuffed," they are looked down upon, and a spirit that is widespread severs them from having anything in common with those who are keeping and maintaining a high degree of scholarship. This attitude has in part come about thru the aid of the faculty but also because the students are taking hold of the matter and are trying to outdo themselves.

The attitude of Houghton students toward religion is much the same as that of the students of any other religious school, only more pronounced in its vigor. This attitude is manifested by the regular attendance of the students upon religious services, by the active part taken by them in class meetings and prayer meetings and by the spiritual atmosphere felt about the school. The responsive attitude of Houghton students toward religion no doubt has many causes. In the first place, the school was founded for the purpose of providing a safe place for young people to receive an education. Then, too, the authorities have brot it about that there should be a spiritual atmosphere in the place. Furthermore, many of the students come from Christian homes. These conditions create and foster the sentiment favoring religion.

HOUGHTON AND WAR SAVING

Every little counts these days and Houghton Seminary is attempting to contribute all she can. The boys have gone and are going to the camps, as our readers know. It was not until recently, however, that we began to understand that this is not all that is asked of us. Our quiet little village has hardly been touched by the stress and deprivation of war but we are at last awakening. We have been giving our heroes receptions and are writing them letters but now we are making a concrete contribution to the war saving. The Faculty have extended the Christmas vacation ten days, thus doubling it and delaying the resumption of school until January 15. This means that the Seminary and Dormitory will be closed and a very appreciable saving of coal will result. The coal administration has announced that the country needs a million tons of coal above the average output. Half this million may possibly be provided by increased

production but the remainder must be saved by decreased consumption. The cost we must pay is the giving up of our spring vacation and the postponement of Commencement until after the Regents' Examinations. Though we regret the change, yet we make it gladly, realizing that the school thus makes a real contribution to war work. Further saving of coal is proposed in the transfer of the Sunday School to the church or the Dormitory, in using the latter building as far as possible for evening exercises and in the use of the study room, whenever possible, for chapel exercises. There is coal in the bin but the Seminary does not wish to deprive others when this supply runs out.

Now what are you going to do to help out? Are you students going to stop buying boxes of candy for the lectures? Are you going to give few and useful Christmas gifts? Are you going to be producers during this long vacation? Or are you going in for a good time, to spend all the money you can get hold of and work as little as possible? Tell the folks not to heat your room while you are home. If they are so fortunate as to have coal, get them to use wood with it. You can do much if you will watch for opportunities. Wake up! All together now for Houghton and the U. S. A.!

[Owing to the lengthening of the vacation, it is probable that the next issue of the Star will be Feb. 1.]

Athletics

When the gymnasium was opened, the classes organized into teams and elected their captains and managers. A practice and game schedule was prepared and the game of basket ball after a slumber of several years was awakened.

The Theos in spite of heavy "charging" were beaten upon two occasions by the Upper College classmen. They were also beaten by the Preps. The Freshies came out strong but confusion entered their ranks when several were compelled to withdraw until higher marks obtained in their studies. So far the Sophs have had the best of the argument as no class have successfully contended against them.

Thanksgiving day witnessed the best game played yet. From the fellows who remained in town for their vacation, two teams were picked for a matched game. Hester, Davis, C. Butterfield and Ketch were defeated by P. Butterfield, Lapham, Douglass, D.

Reese and Barrett, the score being 32-20. Those who witnessed the game called it very good in view of the short preparation.

E. B.

Houghton College Song

E. M. Hall, '06

When the eastern sun is sinking
Toward the crimson west,
Thoughts of thee fond Alma Mater
Fill our loyal breast.

Chorus:

Houghton, Houghton, now and e'er
May thy name be dear,
Ever on through life to conquer,
And our hearts to cheer.

Honored lives for thee have fallen,
Hearts that broke and bled,
Have been wrung thy cause to prosper
And thy light to shed.

Other schools may claim their thousands
We're a smaller band.
But for God and righteousness we
Take a noble stand.

Soon from out our halls of learning
All must take our leave,
But thy memory still we'll cherish
To thy precepts cleave.

When o'er earth thy fame has risen
Like the morning light,
'Twill but rise the earth to gladden
And dispel the night.

Last chorus:

Houghton dear, Houghton cheer, one and all;
Let us pray that we,
All her sons, be firm und loyal
Till eternity.

Organizations

NEOSOPHIC NOTES

The Third year English class rendered a Thanksgiving program for the Neosophic society on the evening of December 3. Mr. Visser as the first number on the program read the Thanksgiving Proclamations of 1864 and 1917. Both Lincoln and Wilson seemed to possess a deep sympathy for mankind. Each in their proclamation appealed rather than commanded. Another number of the program was a paper entitled, "The Genesee Valley a Hundred Years Ago" by Mrs. VanBuskirk. The facts given had been gleaned from her great-grandmother who was a resident in this vi-

cinity. An original story by Ruth Kellogg and a Third year Quartette completed the program. The Neos would enjoy a program from each of the other classes. Show your class spirit, students, and begin to plan your programs.

D. P.

BENEFITS OF THE ATHENIAN

"Will the Athenian Society be of any benefit to me?"

This question was asked me the other day by a person whom I was trying to persuade to become a member of that organization. I answered very emphatically in the affirmative. Surely no person in Houghton Seminary who is a high school graduate can afford to miss the opportunity for culture which that society offers.

In the first place the programs are such as to increase our general fund of knowledge. The "Edison" number last week was especially instructive. Then too, as the lives and works of the great authors are discussed one is enabled to better appreciate true literature. The training in parliamentary law which all the Athenian members are receiving will be invaluable in any work which one may take up at the close of their college career. An unwritten law requires that all discussions must be given from memory or brief notes and must not be written productions. We who are naturally timid are becoming much more self confident and at the same time are learning some fine lessons in public speaking. If you want to improve join the Athenian.

D. P.

Locals

FACULTY NOTES

Fahrenheit eighteen below has caused Prof. Bowen to discontinue his gym class for a time.

Prof. Luckey: Harry, will you read your memory sentence for the signs of the zodiac?

Meeker reads: A truthful German can lie very licentiously, surreptitiously, superabundantly, charmingly, and perniciously.

Prof. Hester was elected I. P. A. delegate to the State Prohibition Convention at Syracuse. The new National Party will be thoroughly discussed, and the attitude of the Prohibitionists of New York State in regard to merging with the new organization decided.

Prof. Coleman attended the Sunday School Convention at Olean Sunday.

J. H.

SCHOOL NOTES

Take courage, students, the little red song books, that you have needed for so long are at last appearing.

The British government has summoned Mr. Mann to the colors. As much as all regret his leaving, we are glad that Houghton boys can be of service in these war times.

Mrs. I. F. McLiester of Akron, Ohio, has been in Houghton recently. The profitable messages which she brought to the students were highly appreciated.

Lieut. LeVay Faucher, who has been in training at Camp Niagara, was here a few days on his way to Camp Travis at San Antonio, Texas. He gave a chapel talk on a day's program at camp. A reception was given him after student's prayermeeting.

The Junior Class of '15 met at Prof. Coleman's, the evening of November thirtieth, for a jolly class reunion.

The chapel hour last Wednesday was given over to honoring Mr. Mann and expressing to him our appreciation of his life here and our promise of support by sympathy and prayer. Appropriate music and speeches were rendered. This rather sad, impressive service brought more clearly than ever to our minds the fact that we are connected with this conflict which until lately did not affect us directly.

Linford Dudley of Belfast is visiting the school and old friends a few days.

Warren Jones, '19, went Dec. 12 to Olean where he enlisted in the Cavalry division of the U. S. army. He was taken immediately to Buffalo and then to New York so he was not permitted to come back and say good-bye.

Winfield Stugart went to Olean on business on Dec. 13.

VILLAGE NOTES

The thermometer registered 14° below zero Tuesday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. Woodhead of Bradford, Pa. have been in town a few days. The latter is caring for her mother, Mrs. Waldorf, who is very ill.

Mr. Loftis has been in Olean on business lately. Anna Deary is staying with her Aunt, Mrs. Porter. Mrs. Fassett is spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Loftis entertained a company of friends last Thursday evening.

Alumni Notes

Some of the letters from "our boys" contain interesting descriptions of camp life. The following is from Robert Kaufmann at Camp Dix, N. J.

"Say, boys, it isn't half bad to be a soldier boy especially when one has friends like you to write to and receive letters from. Of course there have been times when I have been somewhat lonely and I suppose there will be other times but not often. Some of the new men who came into camp last week, "Rookies," are as fine fellows as I ever expect to meet or have ever known. If they could only remain here I would be happy but they will be transferred soon and others will come in. We are very crowded now. Our company has a barracks and a half and is supposed to house two hundred and fifty men but instead we have four hundred and ten I think.

"I am in charge of the upper story of the half barracks, being the only "old soldier", who sleeps there. The men come and ask all kinds of questions and advice. I impart unto them of my vast, vast store of experience for you must remember that I have been a soldier now for almost two months.

"I wish you could all come up into my barracks and visit me in my snug and cozy corner. I have things arranged quite nice. I have a shelf to write on which one of the new men made for me. I also have a little cupboard and a shelf.

"I was very much surprised and delighted almost to death, while out policing up yesterday morning to see Rensseler Johnson coming walking toward me. He was the first fellow I saw in Camp Dix who was an old acquaintance and friend. We saw a football game together in the afternoon and last night went to the Y.M.C.A. to see a war play.

"I was subjected to another surprise yesterday for who should walk into my lair, but Burdette (via "Grundy") Wolfe."

The following is a peep into camp life at Camp Jackson, S. Car. taken from letters received from one of Houghton's former students, Robert H. Presley, who is now in training there.

"Our barracks are fine. We have electric lights, a good water system, and splendid eats.

"The camp is about three by five miles but is not all built up yet. There are several thousand soldiers here already. Sev-

eral companies are black men, most of the others are from Florida and North Carolina. Their way of talking is very amusing to us northerners but they seem to be good fellows.

We are getting quite brown from the sun and wind and are able to stand somewhat like a soldier and look like one a little.

"We have fine weather here. Hot days and cold nights. It is very cold nights and mornings, but with the aid of a sweater we get along very nicely.

"Maybe you folks think we don't have much to do but just let me review for you a few facts!

"I get up at six o'clock, roll call is at six thirty, breakfast at six fortyfive. After that we have "general police," each man makes his own bed and sweeps around it.

"The next "formation" is at seven forty-five when we have infantry drill for an hour etc. etc. During the day we have two hours signal practice, an hour's physical drill, half an hour's singing practice, about an hour of French, and usually one or two lectures of about half an hour each.

"Noon mess" is at twelve, "retreat", the last "formation" of the day is at five fifteen and night mess at five thirty. Then at six thirty is the "non-com" school, a school for non-commissioned officers. I attend this for I guess I am destined to become a "non-com". School lasts an hour and then there is three fourths of an hour of French, two nights a week taught by Prof. Kieth of the University of South Carolina.

Believe me, by the time I get through with the day's schedule I am ready to roll up in my blankets. Moreover since I have been here I have learned two separate and distinct systems of signalling with flags. I was one of the two who qualified in the first tests given in both systems. Many have not qualified yet—some in neither system. Also I have been made an acting "section chief." There are four sections in the company and I am at the head of one of them.

I have charge of one of the bunk rooms. There are three such rooms in the company barracks, and what I say goes. It sounds rather—well I might say funny, to have the men and officers address me as Sergeant Presley, but really it doesn't sound so bad after all.

Twice a week we have "hikes" of about ten miles. We all enjoy these very much. On the last one we took our shelter tents along, each man has half a tent and

each half will fit any other half.

These are rolled into a pack along with the jointed pole, five tent pins and a blanket. During the hike we were marched into a field and had tent drill. My partner and I had one up first and the commanding officer said the first section, my section, had the best looking row of tents.

So you see I haven't been sitting on a rail fence watching the cotton grow.

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Minutes of First Irregular Meeting of Hoton Club at Camp Jackson, S. C. Dec. 8, 1917.

The meeting was called to order in the Mess Hall barracks S-7 at 7: 14 P.M. by the chairman C. Daniels.

Roll call- answered by quotations from "Hoton Star." All members present.

Minutes of last meeting perused and adopted.

Refreshments consisting of homemade cookies (gee, they were good!) and U-needa Biscuits a la box were served.

The following officers were then elected: President, Carroll C. Daniels

Vice president, C. Daniels

Secretary, R. H. Presley

Treasurer, ditto.

The club then adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, many and divers events and happenings have transpired and taken place since our last formal assemblage, therefore be it resolved:

1. That we hereby renew our allegiance to our A. M. (This means Alma Mater.)

2. That Preisdeut and Mrs. Luckey be congratulated on the recent increment to their household.

3. That our congratulations also be extended to Rev. and Mrs. O. G. McKinley (Best wishes for Mr. Harold Lee's future).

4. Be it further resolved in order that much useful time and energy may be conserved by the club's members that the appended addresses be carefully noted by the Circulation Manager.

5. That the Southland has many attractions including mistletoe, pretty girls, mules, sand and army beans.

6. That the following song which is a favorite with the "Sammies" be recommended to the careful consideration of the Hoton Faculty with a view to its being used as an opening hymn for chapel:

Tune: "Tramp, Tramp," etc.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching,

Kaisers knockin' at the door—

If we had a hunk of lead

We would hit him in the head

And there wouldn't be a Kaiser any more.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching,

The "Clown Prince" is knockin' at the door

If we had a submarine

We would "soak him on the bean,"

And there wouldn't be a "Clown Prince" any more.

7. (last one) Since Camp Jackson is under quarantine indefinitely the members of this club find their duties here so interesting and engrossing that the club is unanimous in its decision to remain in camp for the holidays.

A motion was then made toward the U-needa Biscuit box but it was empty so

the president declared the meeting adjourned.

R.H. Presley, Sec'y.

Corporal Robert H. Presley

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Pete, Harold and Almeda in the reception room.

Harold— "Say, Pete, when are you going to be married?"

Pete, indignantly— "Who wants to know besides yourself?"

Miss Hall, absentmindedly— "I do."

Miss Butler— "What do the Indians live on?"

Mr. Glass— "Revelations."

Paul Steese, correcting— "No, not revelations—reservoirs."

Dec. 11 G. Beverly Shultz and Miss Hanford were seen talking together very earnestly in the hall.

Student— "Shultz, is tonight lecture night?"

Miss Hanford— "Get out of here, you bad boy."

Miss Stahl, listening raptly to the "Laughing Chorus" being played on the victrola— "I can't make out one thing he's saying!"

Mr. Visser had been sitting—thinking very earnestly for a long time during Mr. McKinley's chapel talk.

Suddenly he remarked to Miss Coleman, "Say Carrie, do you know where Grayce and Glen had to go to get that license?"

At a small gathering at President Luckey's the other evening, Harold was exhibiting the baby very sensationally.

Sarah— "Harold, don't kiss him so much, you will surely make him sick."

Harold— "Well it has never made you sick."

President Luckey— "No? but anyway you can see what she thinks about it."

We never thought it of Miss Freeman! She recently accosted Mr. Meeker with, "Which would you choose—wealth or wisdom?"

Meeker— "Why wisdom of course."

Miss Freeman— "Well that's me."

Sympathizing in contemplation of the lecture.

Woods— "Well are you Stahled tonight, Barrett?"

Barrett— "Oh no, I'm stuck in a field o' Butter."