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Nothing very definite can be ascertained regarding the history of this section previous to the Pleistocene glacial period, except that the mature topography of the upper Genesee in contrast with the youthful topography of the lower Genesee, proves that the natural processes of erosion had been at work a long time before the approach of the glacier. During the Pleistocene period, it is supposed the southward moving glacier blocked the course of the river forming what is termed the Fillmore-Belfast Lake. The outlet from this lake must have been southward into the Alleghany-Ohio river rather than northward as at

present and as it had been hitherto. Gradually the ice sheet melted at its southern edge thus receding northward until the dam was in the vicinity of Portage where it remained quite permanently for a considerable period of time.

Many of the features of this section can be explained on the basis of the presence of a former glacier, and on no other basis. For example, perhaps the most clearly defined evidence of the work of a glacier in the vicinity of Houghton is the fact of small hills and knobs of a clearly glacier deposited type. These knobs lie to the south and west of the valley. They are made up of an unstratified mass of material of all sizes, shapes and kinds. The great variety of material, much of which is native only in sections many miles to the north, proves that it must have been transported many miles. But it could not have been brought by water and deposited, for the stones are angular lacking the signs of water wear. Many of the granites and other rocks of crystalline texture could not have been brought from any place nearer than the Adirondacks. These hillocks are of the same type and structure as those found in process of formation at the termini of glaciers at the present time. Moss Lake, also, furnishes evidence of glaciation. This body of water is evidently enclosed by a circle of little hills of glacier deposit formation.

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lake. On the same level with the campus are other flats of a similar character at different points surrounding the old lake basin. By following up the creek which flows through the village, one soon reaches a point where the exposed banks of the stream reveal a formation of water deposited sand and gravel. It is well stratified and assorted as it would be if deposited by this stream as it entered the lake. The coarser gravel was dropped near the mouth of the stream and the finer particles carried out farther into the water. As the lake lowered the coarser material was brought farther down as is clearly evident in the actual deposit. Moreover there is on the south bank of the creek clear evidence that the stream bed was formerly at a higher level. The old channel gradually changed and lowered as the lake lowered.

The rocks forming the sides of Canadea Gorge, which is about three miles south of Houghton, give excellent opportunity for studying the Chemung formation. Here, in some places, the stream has cut down through two hundred feet of solid rock.

The opportunities for making a collection of rock specimens are better than in the average place. A good variety of igneous rocks, fossiliferous rocks, etc., are quite abundant. Occasionally a rare specimen, originally from Canada, may be found.

When We Went to Chili.

G. T. McDowell.

The annual convention and contest of the New York Intercollegiate Prohibition Association held at Chili on April 24 and 25 will not soon be forgotten by the ten students of Houghton who were so fortunate as to be present. The Houghton delegation started Monday morning and spent

several very strenuous hours in Rochester. The heavy burden of shopping and sightseeing became almost too great for the young and inexperienced shoulders of several of the party when they were forced to prevent an infatuated brother and sister from spreading the impression that they were bride and groom, to keep a young minister of their number from the saloons and in all things to uphold the honor of Houghton. They were joined in Rochester by Professor and Mrs. Rindfusz and Dr. J. N. Bedford and with three so dignified chaperones the party returned home intact. On arrival at Chili, the delegates were at once taken to hospitable homes near Chesbrough Seminary. The students of that institution have an opportunity for a variation from the apparent extreme quietness of the tiny village which is even smaller than Houghton, in the fact that Rochester is only eleven miles distant.

Monday evening, the State Oratorical Contest occurred. This as well as the sessions of the convention were held in the tastefully decorated chapel of the Seminary. The Houghton quartet and their soloist, Mr. Wagner, gained generous applause and many words of approval for their excellent music. The orations were all full of instruction and inspiration. Most noticeable in the various orators were the hard work of Chesbrough, the ease and confidence in delivery of Syracuse and the good thought of Colgate. Those who heard Mr. Harold Hester in our local contest agree that his oration was strong and original and his delivery powerful and in the State contest, he so far excelled that he was awarded the first prize of \$35. That, of course, was the climax of the evening for the Houghton delegation all were proud of Hester and their Alma Mater. We also rejoiced when our hosts won second place for Brown of Chesbrough was given second prize. To see and hear the men who took part and then to listen to the speech of presentation made by one of the judges, Dr. Silvernail of Rochester Theological Seminary, was indeed an inspiration which we sin-

cererly wish every student and professor of Houghton Seminary might have shared. On several occasions during the evening the Syracuse delegation showed us what a few men who knew how to cheer could do. But, considering the amount of experience in yelling that the Houghton students possessed, their yells were at least an encouragement as to what they may be able to do in the future. After the contest a short program was rendered while a banquet was prepared for the visiting friends. The students and faculty of Chesbrough certainly did more than could possibly have been expected for the entertainment of their guests. As the school is small, the labor of preparation was heavy and the students of the seminary deserve the highest praise for their successful effort. Should the convention ever meet at Houghton, we would be doing well indeed, if we equalled their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Tuesday morning the business meeting was opened by an address of welcome by President Raycraft of Chesbrough. Houghton was represented in the committees as follows: Professor Rindfusz, chairman of committee on resolutions; Ray Calhoon, member of auditing committee; C. F. Hester, member of committee on credentials. The state officers elected were Cranmer of Syracuse, President; Sprague of Houghton, Vice President; Clemens of Syracuse, Secretary; Radcliffe of Colgate, Treasurer and Brown of Chesbrough, member of Executive Committee. Mrs. Bishop of Rochester bore the greetings of the State W. C. T. U. to the convention.

In the afternoon, two actions of importance were taken. The exclusion of the state officers from the Oratorical Contest was limited to the President and Secretary. It was also provided that should there be enough leagues in the state to conduct two contests, the institutions doing college work should hold a contest separate from that among the secondary schools. This new ruling will not, of course, exclude Houghton from competing in the collegiate contest. National Secretary Nelson of Kansas gave a very instructive address, followed by a few words from Mr. Annable of Syracuse, an officer of the Temperance Alliance. The program for the afternoon also included a symposium of the I. P. A. work.

In the evening, Mr. C. E. Pitts, state chairman of the Prohibition Party, gave one of his stirring addresses before the Convention. The Houghton delegates greatly regretted not being able to stay for the evening but it was necessary that they should leave in the afternoon.

That night when the delegates arrived home at a late hour, they were inexpressibly pained and shocked to find that instead of being sound asleep in their beds like good little children, the students were shouting and screaming around the station. Hester, the hero of the occasion, and his sister were placed in a carriage and drawn to the campus by willing arms, accompanied by smoking torches and sleepy shouts. A speech was demanded of Hester when the bonfire on the campus was reached. His very evident embarrassment added interest to the scene and was emphasized when he told us with heroic candor, that he didn't know what to say or how to say it.

All who have come in touch with the work of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association agree that in it lies great promise for the future of Prohibition. When the very best of our College men are putting their time and energy into the intelligent study and immediate practice of the principles of Prohibition, there is great hope for the cause.

Our Lecture Course for 1911-12.

For several years the Union Literary Association has maintained a lecture course. The aim of this committee has been to furnish the best talent that the students and citizens would support. So strong has been the talent secured that our neighboring communities have wondered how we have been able to do it.

The Executive Committee of the U. L. A. are pleased to be able to announce through the columns of the Star the course for next year. You can judge for yourselves as to the quality of the course.

The musical feature is to be the famous Dunbar Bell Ringers, who so much delighted our friends one year ago. The lecturers will be Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, Ex-governor Hock of Kansas, and Dr. Forbes, whose illustrated lectures are considered the very best obtainable.

H. C. Bedford.

Mr. Riis' Lecture.

The last number on this year's lecture course occurred Wednesday evening, April 26, when Jacob A. Riis addressed us on the subject "Our Neighbor." Mr. Riis is a man who is known far and wide because of his work in the slum district of New York City and through the books that he has written. He pleads for the people that are down and out, and especially for the children in our great cities who have no chance to develop into noble men and women, because the low, degrading life of the slum is all that they ever have the chance to know.

Mr. Riis is a pleasant speaker. He has a deep personal interest in his work, which adds much to his lecture; indeed one cannot help but feel that Mr. Riis really means what he says and is putting himself into the work that he is talking about. He impresses one with the idea that he is an optimist. He seems to be able to see some good in everyone, even in the poorest, raggedest waif of the streets. As Mr. Riis spent the day here a number of people were privileged to meet him personally. All were charmed by his pleasant, entertaining manner of conversation and declared that the time spent in his company was very profitable as well as intensely interesting.

Mr. Riis said many instructive and interesting things. Without trying to repeat his exact words and without following his line of thought exactly as he took it up, we shall try to give a few scattered thoughts from his lecture somewhat as he gave them. He said:

"Today the balance of power in the United States is passing to the city. At the present time one out of every three persons lives in the city. As we are becoming a people of city dwellers, we must find a way of liv-

ing decently in the city. The home should be the care of the nation for when the home goes, with it goes family, country, patriotism and citizenship. At present the neighborly touch has been lost between the rich and poor. Formerly, in what might be called the age of handicraft, the people were all neighborly. As steam came into use, while at first the people lived all together around the factories, gradually the richer classes moved away from the smoke and grime. By degrees the gap widened until the capitalist and laborer never even dreamed that they were neighbors. As a result of this gap the slum has sprung up.

The greatest evil of the slum is its effect upon the children, for childhood is the basis of manhood and womanhood. In New York city there are 100,000 tenement houses containing over two million people. Here the children are brought up in an environment in which all the influences make for unrighteousness and tend to corruption. We must remember that the people are the republic, and the boys and girls of today are the republic of tomorrow. It is our duty to help these people. If any of you feel that you must go down to help them, don't go; you won't do any good if you do: but when you feel that you can go over to them on a level, in reality it is going up, go and you can do a heap of good.

One of the first duties to be performed is to restore to the children of the slums their lost childhood. In these children if one takes the pains to look, he can find the image of God. One way that this image is revealed is in the love of the beautiful. The children have a great love for flowers and with the help of the "King's Daughters" the Riis settlement has distributed flowers during the summer. These flowers are sent in great quantities from all the sur-

rounding country, by people who are interested in the work. Another way that the Riis settlement has aided the children is by the establishment of a gymnasium. This gymnasium is supported by rich children in private schools, who have been made to feel that the children of the slums are their neighbors whom it is their privilege to help.

The great plan of the Riis settlement is to live alongside our neighbor and help him in whatever way we can. If we are to help people we must put ourselves into the work. We must not only pray but must take a hand. A little girl went for a walk. When she returned she told her mamma about finding some bird traps. Her mother asked her what she did. She said "I knelt down and prayed to God not to let the birds get into the traps. Then I got up and kicked the traps all to pieces" So while it is our privilege and duty to ask God to direct us every single day in every act, we must do what we can to answer our own prayers. Let us go out to help those in need. Somewhere is your neighbor. No one enters heaven gate alone. He must take his neighbor with him. Go in God's name and find him.

M. L. D.

The ill-timed truth we might have kept—

Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung?

The word we had not sense to say—

Who knows how grandly it had rung?—Sill.

Whatever hath been written shall remain,

Nor be erased nor written o'er again;

The unwritten only still belongs to thee,

Take heed and ponder well what that shall be.—Longfellow.

COPPERHEAD.

Miriam L. Day, '12.

Long ago, within this village
On the sunny Genesee,
Once there dwelt a noble Indian,
With his people brave and free.

Long they'd lived here bold and happy,
Roaming at their own sweet will.
They were monarchs of the forests
Spreading far o'er vale and hill.

Here they trapped, and here they hunted,
Built their homes, and raised the maize.
Little dreaming that the future
Would bring aught but happy days.

In a humble, little wigwam,
A papoose was born one day,
Copperhead, they fondly named him,
As he in his cradle lay.

As this Indian lad grew older,
Lore he learned of beast and tree,
Learned to shoot the bow and arrow,
Till a hunter bold was he.

But one day, there came the white man,
Thought this country fair to see,
So he built his home and dwelt here
Near the river Genesee.

As the white man's sway grew broader,
He wished still more land to own,
So he moved the Indian westward,
Heeding not his bitter moan.

Copperhead had now grown older,
Met the white man face to face,
And had learned to love and trust him
More than those of his own race.

So he begged to be permitted
With the white man here to stay.
And to him, his wish was granted
When the others went away.

Long he lived here with the people
He'd adopted as his own.

Dwelling in a little wigwam
'Neath the pine trees, all alone.

He was always kind and gentle,
Making friends where'er he could,
Selling trinkets he had fashioned
To obtain his meagre food.

But one day the white man missed him,
Whom they'd seen so many years,
And at last went to the wigwam,
Strangely moved with dread and fears.
There they found the poor, old Indian,
Where he'd perished all alone.

Little cared he now for honors,
Since his spirit far had flown.

In the shadow of the wigwam,
Dug they then a shallow grave,
Laid his earthly things beside him
As the Indian custom gave.

There he lies in Houghton village,
In the shadow of the pine,
And this breezes whisper through them,
Of the noblest of his line.

The Houghton Star.

Houghton, N. Y.

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Editorial.

Thus far this year Houghton has been the winner in three interscholastic contests. Our debate team went over to Alfred University and won a unanimous decision of the judges against the Alfred Freshmen. In the Spring Journalistic contest of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association our league, through its reporter, G. Tremaine McDowell, won the prize of ten dollars for the reporter and ten dollars' worth of Prohibition literature for our library. At the recent Intercollegiate Prohibition contest for New York, our orator, Mr. Harold H. Hester, won first place among four competitors, two of whom were from leading universities of the state. Soon

Mr. Hester goes to the Eastern Interstate contest to represent not only Houghton Seminary but New York state.

Each one of these contests that Houghton has won has meant more than just simply the winning it. It has meant practical education on the part of the participants and the increase of a solid school spirit and deep rooted enthusiasm on the part of the student body that they represented.

There may be several reasons for our success on these occasions. We shall not try to give them all but some of them can not pass without notice. An exchange commenting upon the Houghton-Alfred debate, says:

"The Houghton team showed the more thorough preparation. The reason is simple. For Houghton it is the one of a probable three events of the year. The entire school has been interested and has worked for a victory. At Alfred other events have over-shadowed the debate and few people realized that a debate was to take place until two or three days before when the announcements were posted."

On the Alfred side of this, of course, we cannot comment; but it is clear that a spirit of school unity and enthusiasm goes far toward helping the school's representatives in contest work. This was the state of things not only with respect to the debate, but also in our other interscholastic dealings.

Then the principle of putting first things first must not be overlooked. Superiority in our work has in these cases been the overshadowing element. Perhaps we could have let foot-ball or basket ball or society balls overshadow our work; but then we could not have won any lasting or really valuable honors in those things that really count for something.

Some people have the opinion that

the small college "isn't in it" with the larger ones. Perhaps in some ways it is not. We must admit that we cannot furnish the work that some of the larger ones can. But in all three of the contests mentioned above we have been in competition with institutions with the term "University" attached to their names, and we have held our own.

The work has been practical and of vital interest. In the one case it involved the gathering of information and facts on one of the live economic and diplomatic issues of the day, the fortification of the Panama canal. The second case was a test of journalistic skill in winning publicity for a reform cause. The third was practical oratory on a practical subject.

This may sound like boasting, but we have no apologies to offer. We are not trying to assert any superiority over others, but we do declare that by means of hard work, hearty co-operation, united effort and the proper adjustment of relations Houghton students can prepare themselves for taking their places in the world of activity if they will.

A word needs to be said about our school paper. It is published and managed by the Union Literary Association but it really belongs to every alumnus and student of Houghton. It cannot exist unless it is royally supported by its real owners. We now have to cramp the paper in order to maintain its being. If we could double the circulation, just think what that would mean. And that is something that is not altogether impossible either. Supposing every subscriber should get one new subscriber within a month, and there are many who could do better than that, the work would be done. Now if concentrated effort wins here at Houghton, we are sure it ought to win elsewhere

throughout our country where the "Star" is read. There are few readers but know of one or more alumni or friends of Houghton who are interested in the welfare of the school and its paper, and who would be glad to subscribe if they only knew what it would mean to them and to the paper. Let's each one of us try to reach one or more new subscribers by a personal appeal for the "Star." Let's go in to win again.

Lecture on Secret Societies.

Geo. Sprague.

Under the auspices of the Christian Association of Houghton Seminary, Rev. A. T. Jennings delivered a very convincing anti-secret society address Wednesday evening, May 10. Rev. E. W. Bruce presided. The congregation sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Rev. F. H. Wright offered prayer, and the Male Quartet sang a selection. The address was listened to attentively by an appreciative audience.

Mr. Jennings emphasized the necessity of a thorough study of this subject. Ignorance on a moral question is out of place therefore it is the duty of Christians to be informed concerning the evils of secret orders. The stock argument of secret fraternity advocates is that their opponents do not know what they are talking about. This is not true. The secrets of Masonry and of other orders are out. Their books, rituals, etc., are for sale at Christian publishing houses. Many have withdrawn from these lodges and have exposed the evils of the system. If the things said against secret orders are not true, why are secret society men so sensitive about them? They are not so with reference to politics and religion. It is an accepted rule that guilty parties are disturbed when their guilt is truthfully exposed.

We ought to have good enough understanding of the Christian religion to know what is opposed to it. Jesus said, "Come and see." Secret orders demand sworn secrecy. Jesus taught

his followers to invite to the feast those who could not invite them in return. Lodges admit to their fraternities only those who will not be a burden to them, only those who can give to the society as much as they receive from it. Jesus condemned the spirit of class divisions. Secret orders build it up. Jesus taught us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation." Lodge membership and lodge fellowship produce temptation to many forms of vice. That there are good men in the lodges is no argument in their favor for it is admitted that there are also bad men in them.

After Mr. Jennings' address Mr. H. H. Hester, '11, spoke briefly of the work of the Association. Already it has awakened interest in many states Wesleyan Methodists should give this work moral and financial support.

From an Old Student

As I came from school this afternoon, the budding trees, the spring flowers, the birds, and the slowly sinking sun caused me to remember the beauties of nature which burst forth on the hills and through the valleys of Houghton at this time of the year. These thoughts reminded me of a New Year's resolution to tell the "Star" that one of Houghton's former students has been delighted to see the growth and improvement in the school paper and to hear of the advancement of the school through its columns. We thought the first issue in February, 1909 was a credit to the school, but say, have you noted the improvement since then?

Houghton Seminary and her interests are still very dear to me. Occasionally it is my privilege to say a word for her and several of my pupils have said, "When I know enough I am going to school at Houghton." May God grant that in the future hundreds, yea thousands, of young lives may have deeply impressed on their minds and in their innermost beings the lofty Christian ideals of Houghton Seminary.

Jessie K. Benning.

Organizations

R. W. HAZLETT, '14, EDITOR

The Athenian.

The old adage "Well begun is half done" may be true about some things but when applied to the Athenian Society it is only half true. The Society has begun well but is by no means half done. The first program, rendered on Friday evening, April 28, was a very interesting and instructive program on Tolstoi, as a man of letters, and as the world's man.

Education and Temperance are good sisters to go hand in hand to lead the young. They worked together very nicely in filling out the program for the evening of May 12. There were two parts taken by education and one by Temperance that we would especially mention, but not with the thought of slighting the other work done by each. "My Ideal Houghton," a paper read by Miss Anna Davison, was so much appreciated that the society voted to have the article sent to the Editor of the Wesleyan Methodist for publication. Miss Bernice Davy certainly captivated the audience and did credit to herself by singing her "Cold Water Song." Last and far from being the least was the talk by President J. S. Luckey on School Method. Any teacher, present or prospective, would certainly be much better prepared for the duties of a teacher after listening to this man of experience.

The Neosophic Literary Society

The society work has had to be given up most of the time this month owing to the fact that other school functions have had to come on Friday night so we have had only one meeting.

This meeting was held on Friday evening, April 28. The attendance was not as good as usual and the program was very short.

The members of our society should be keenly alive to their responsibilities in this society work. We have lost our college students 'tis true but we are by no means dead in fact not even crushed. There is a little uncertainty just now and a little talk of disbanding but while this is being settled every Neosophic should rise to his opportunity in the work and not

let the work drag in the coming weeks. The very last some of us will spend here. Let's make our Society work count.

L. H. T.

The Prohibition League

With Mr. Harold H. Hester as president and representative to the state oratorical contest, with Mr. G. Tremaine McDowell as reporter and with other active officers and members, the Prohibition League has been showing itself not at all inferior to other leagues and has demonstrated that Houghton students can hold their own in contests with students of at least some of the other colleges and universities of America. In the state contest at Chesbrough Seminary, North Chili, on Monday evening, April 24, Mr. Hester won the first prize over representatives from Colgate and Syracuse Universities and from Chesbrough Seminary.

At the recent annual election of officers, Mr. George Sprague was elected president, Mr. C. Floyd Hester, vice president, Miss Miriam Churchill, secretary, Mr. A. Ray Calhoun, treasurer and the undersigned was elected reporter. It remains for these officers to show whether they can make the Prohibition League for next year what the outgoing officers have made it during the past year. In any case we expect that Mr. Sprague, who is also vice president of the state league and who has already made his hair gray by his strenuous efforts in Prohibition work, will lead us on to victories that will be a credit to himself, to Houghton Seminary and to the Prohibition Movement. J. W. E.

Young People's Foreign Missionary Society

At the May meeting of the Y. P. F. M. S., the pastor, Rev. Dean Bedford, gave a missionary address using as a basis for his discourse the words found in Rev. 22:20. He spoke especially of the incentive to true missionary work inherent in a positive faith in the near approach of Christ's second coming. Also he spoke of the missionary's reward as a crown, 1st of righteousness, 2nd of life, 3rd of glory and 4th of rejoicing. But the crown is only for missionaries because all who are truly Christ's followers are missionaries. A short consecra-

tion meeting for volunteers followed the address.

It is expected that the Rev. George H. Clarke will deliver the address at the annual June missionary service held on Sunday evening of commencement week.

The Mission Study Class has recently received letters from Miss Hattie Crosby of Africa and from Miss Stella Wood of India.

At a recent meeting of the M. S. C. Miss Tanner gave a very interesting talk concerning her experiences in medical missionary work in Africa.

During the remainder of this year the M. S. C. will use Mrs. Anna Smith's book on our African mission.

E. L. E

The Philomatheon Society

The Society work has been interrupted for the past few weeks, so only one meeting has been held. The programme rendered was miscellaneous and each part was well rendered. Mr. Dart's speech on astronomy was especially interesting. He spoke first of the three eras in astronomy and then took up the late discoveries which have been made in the science, the principal ones being four new stars and a satellite which was discovered by photography.

In the spring it is very easy to neglect the society work but we hope that each member will try to be present at every meeting and make it a success.

M. P. H.

Athletics.

C. FLOYD HESTER, '13, Editor.

Several games of base ball have been played this spring. A few days since the boys of the Senior Preparatory class challenged any class or department of the school to a base ball game. The men of the college department have accepted the challenge. This game will be played after school tomorrow, May 12. Many of the students will be out to yell for their side.

Everything has its season. At least that is the case with athletics. The basket ball is a thing of the past and that brown round body which we so enjoyed now leaves but a dim im-

press upon our memories. This is the season when everyone is enjoying the bright sunshine, the balmy air and all other outdoor blessings. The little white balls can be seen dancing up and down and flying back and forth over the tennis court almost any day. The hearty laughter of the players mingles beautifully with the happy songs of the birds. The girls are doing themselves a world of good.

E. A. H.

Alumni and Old Students

H. H. Hester, '11, Editor

Reita Hall, '07, of Grand Rapids, Mich., sends subscription for the "Star" and says, "Am sub-graduate at the Sacred Heart Conservatory here and also a member of the graduates Musical Normal work class. As a recreation, I teach ten pupils and am pianist at a Baptist church. Not busy of course."

Mrs. Etta Walldorff Woodhead, '90, is spending some time with her parents in town. Dr. Irvin Woodhead was also a student in Houghton Sem. for a short time. Dr. and Mrs. Woodhead removed from Forksville, Pa., to Bradford, Pa., a year ago and are nicely located there.

Mrs. Blanche Houghton Forbes is a resident of St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Forbes conducts a wholesale hardware establishment.

It does a body "heaps" of good to know that a body has the backing of other bodies. The Houghton folk at Oberlin do not forget Houghton. Both at the time of the Alfred Debate and of the Chili contest a word of cheer from the regions of Oberlin helped mightily in winning the day.

It will be of interest to the older students to hear from Frank B. Close, foreman of the Luther Auto Repair Shop, Olean, N. Y. Mr. Close was a member of the first student body of Houghton Sem. He and his daughter were in town last week spending a short time with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Houghton.

Miss Mattye Armentrout of Ashburn, Ga., is holding a good position with The Citizens' Bank at Waynesboro, Ga.

"Dear Editor: I am in northwest Nebr., working on a farm and cattle ranch for Mr. H. Wickersham who is

a staunch reformer in every sense of the word. This is a great alfalfa country."—John W. Yancey.

Chas. C. Rodges of Franklin, Pa., says, "I am teaching now and getting along nicely. Still have a soft spot in my heart for the old "Sem." and its "Inmates."

Steele White is assistant postmaster at Homer City, Pa., at a salary of \$1050 per year.

Mrs. Elma Greenberg Carlson now lives in Alamogordo, N. Mexico. She and Mr. Carlson are members and earnest workers in the Presbyterian church of that place. Mrs. Carlson also finds time to be a clubwoman, and managed to learn half a hundred Spanish words when she first became enthralled by the "Land of Poco Tiempo."

W. L. Thompson, '03, President of the school at Central, S. C., writes: "The school work here has many things to encourage us. We are glad to see the approach of a better day. Schools are multiplying and the standard is rising. Our school, which would not merit the name of "college" in the North, is fully up to that grade of schools in the South. The credits from our school are received by the best state schools and colleges in the South. It would be well if we could unify and centralize the school work of our church. We would be glad if our academic graduates could pursue their college work at Houghton. Many of them are not financially able to go so far away. The great need in the South is pastors.

A. K. and H. H.

Locals.

James W. Elliott, Prep., '11, Editor.

College Notes

We are glad to report another victory for the college department—Harold Hester came home, winner, from the State Prohibition Contest.

Theos Thompson was absent a couple of days while attending the S. S. convention at Angelica, N. Y.

George Sprague and Miriam Churchill attended the S. S. convention for one day, May 10.

M. M. B.

Saturday, May 13, Professor Rindfusz and his Geology class, H. H.

Hester, T. J. Thompson, E. L. Elliott and H. J. Ostlund spent a most delightful time at Portage where they collected specimens and made extensive geological observations. The delight, however, was not in this, but in the fact that they were accompanied by Mrs. Rindfusz and by the Misses Day, Benton, Hubbard and Davison.

On Friday evening, May 5, the Debate class reproduced in the Houghton chapel their famous debate with Alfred. Mr. H. H. Hester was excused because of the Prohibition contest at Chili. The two other members of the first team, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Sellman then became the leaders of two new teams, the latter taking the affirmative and the former the negative. Mr. Sellman was assisted by Mr. Sprague and Miss Churchill and Mr. Elliott by Mr. C. F. Hester and Miss Davison. The two teams fought hard and hurled their philippics with force and accuracy. It was evident to all why Houghton won at Alfred. So well did both sides do that few in the audience felt certain how the judges would decide. After Mr. Wagner had sung a solo, Professor Smith announced that two judges had voted for the negative and one for the affirmative. Thus the decision at Alfred was reversed, showing plainly that it was not the question but the Houghton team that won there.

J. W. E.

Preparatory Notes

The Misses Crystal Rork and Abbie Churchill made a trip to Rossburg recently.

Miss Blanche Colburn of Hume, N. Y., who was forced to leave school a few weeks since because of a broken ankle, has again taken up her school work.

Tremaine's favorite stopping place—the cheese factory.

On the evening of April 22, Mary Kerr, Ella Jones, Leita Calhoon, Esther Busch and Charlotte Stebbins went to Eagle, N. Y., and contested for the W. C. T. U. silver medal, under the direction of Miss Vera Crawford. Miss Calhoon was awarded the medal.

Walter Willover, in solid geometry: "Wouldn't it be great sport for a lot of people to form a company and bore a hole clear through the earth?" It would appear that Mr. Willover is

decidedly in favor of Chinese immigration.

Miss Vernie Stear worked a few days for Mrs. Tucker.

Howard Harger is working on the hill for Mr. Burr.

During the Arbor Day celebration the Parliamentary Law class with ceremony befitting the occasion consigned the roots of an American Elm to the Campus soil. It is being whispered that the Seniors expect to make themselves memorable in like manner

O. M. W.

Musical Notes

A pleasant evening was enjoyed Friday, April 21, when Miss Farnsworth's music students gave their annual recital. Eleven of the piano students—besides the choral class and Mr. Wagner as soloist took part.

Miss Lois Crawford is sick with pneumonia and it is feared she will not be able to give her recital in June.

Many of the music students are busy planning for the June program.

The choral class is preparing for Commencement Week. E. M. S.

Faculty Notes

Professor Bruce was at Haskinsville May 5-8. He spent Saturday working in his garden and Sunday he preached there.

Immediately following the musical recital on the evening of April 21, a surprise reception was given to Miss Farnsworth, the musical director. Miss Farnsworth's excellent work in this department is worthy of high commendation.

Professor and Mrs. Rindfusz attended the State Prohibition contest at North Chili, April 24.

The men of the faculty are very industrious now-a-days working in their gardens.

The latest addition to the faculty is Professor Smith's pen of Great Horned owls, four in number. Mr. Lewis Churchill, who lives a mile or two out of town, caught these owls in a steel trap and gave them to the professor. It is very interesting to watch the creatures. As soon as a visitor approaches their pen, two of the fellows begin to bristle up their feathers and spit like an old turkey gobbler, drawing their double eye lids down over their great yellow eyes and snapping their bills togeth-

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