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Moral Law and Prohibition.

GEORGE SPRAGUE.

Wherever there is activity, there must be law to govern it. Of all the beings that exist, Jehovah is the most active and he more thoroughly submits to law than do His creatures. God, the author of law, does not attempt to run this universe, nor any part of it, without law. Since man is a moral being, there must be moral law to prescribe his duty to God. Since he is a social being there must be civil law to govern his social actions. The great moral and social problems of the past have been solved by law, sometimes determined, and sometimes carried into effect by force of arms. The great question which society must settle next, is the one which arises from the existence of the traffic in alcoholic liquors. This too, must be accomplished by law. It is acknowledged to be a suitable subject for legislation. Every state and territory in the union has statutory or constitutional enactment regarding this traffic. Every political party that has come into power in this country has made law concerning it. Reformers are unanimous in the opinion that the problem must be solved by the use of law. Liquor dealers favor the same method. Prohibitionists, Republicans and Democrats are agreed in advocating legislation as the right way of handling this question. But as the laws prescribed are of various types, this query naturally arises: What kind of law will accomplish the solution of this great problem?

History reveals what kind of law

Republicans and Democrats sanction. Platform declarations tell what kind Prohibitionists advocate. But if all these parties favor the same method of solving this question, may it not be possible that they all have in view the same object and will ultimately accomplish the same result? No, emphatically no. The laws with which the old parties are handling this question are not adapted to the final solution of any question. What kind of law have they enacted with reference to the liquor traffic? What kind of law they have not enacted could be more easily told. It is difficult to conceive of a condition of regulation and license which they have not produced at some time in some place. They have provided by law that the individual who retails drink shall be a man of good moral character, and two or three witnesses shall certify to that fallacy. In our own state, these parties have enacted and maintain law to the effect that the place where liquor is dispensed shall have in connection with it a certain number of bedrooms for which there is usually no use except immoral use, thus creating one of the most abominable institutions which curse our state, known as the Raines Law Hotel. These parties have also provided that the place where drink is sold shall be concealed from the streets by screens, and that it shall not be so concealed; that the building used for the dispensing of intoxicants shall have a side entrance, and that it shall have no side entrance; that the liquor shall be consumed at the bar, and that it shall not be consumed on the premises where it is sold. A few years ago, when a ne-

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gro was considered as mere property, worth from two hundred to three thousand dollars, according to condition of lung and limb, it was forbidden that he should be sold a drop of strong drink, but since our fathers fought and died to redeem him from that condition and bring him to be looked upon as a man among men and a citizen among citizens, he may be sold all that he has money to purchase. These are a few samples among hundreds that might be given of the compromising, regulating laws which the Old Parties have placed upon our statute books.

How does the law proposed by the Prohibition Party differ from these? In his Class Book on Civil Government, Andrew W. Young expresses this universally accepted truth. All human law should conform to the moral law as briefly expressed in the decalogue, or the ten commandments. These commandments read: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, Honor thy father and thy mother, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet." In letter these commandments cover many of the specific duties of life. In spirit they include all the duties of life by laying down a broad principle. They teach an important lesson, and teach it as plainly as though in a single sentence, the mouth of God had thundered it from smoking Sinai, or the finger of God had written it indelibly upon tablets of stone. It is this: There is one and only one right method of dealing with evil, which is to annihilate evil. In the economy and practice of the greatest Legislator, Executive, and Judge the universe knows, the only recognized plan for treating sin is to destroy sin. In all the revelation of

God to man, wherever it is found, His revelation in nature, in His word, by the Holy Spirit, there is not one hint at the thought that God is pleased with any method of dealing with evil but its abolition. In all the history of the race, from the beginning until now, there is not recorded one instance in which questions pertaining to morals have come up for settlement and been settled substantially and right except by the eradication of the evil. In other words, God never has revealed, and man never has devised, any right and effective method of dealing with evil but absolute and positive prohibition. God says of wrong doing, "Thou shalt not." We read, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away" not regulates and licenses "the sin of the world." "The Son of Man came" not to foster and protect, but "to destroy the works of the devil." "God cannot look upon sin with any degree of allowance." Upon these statements from Holy Writ, it is safe to base the assertion that the only reasonable position for a Christian nation, a Christian Church, or a Christian citizen to take is one of irrevocable, and with God's help, irresistible opposition to all evil. That means Prohibition. When our nation takes that position, its laws will be in line with God's and it will be a Prohibition nation. When the church takes that position, its law will be love and it will be a Prohibition Church. When an individual takes that position, he will delight in the law of the Lord, and he will be a Prohibitionist. Jehovah is a Prohibitionist and demands that his followers be like him.

But are the laws which the Old Parties have enacted with reference to the liquor traffic based upon the moral law as briefly summed up in the decalogue? Does the first commandment say, Thou shalt have no other gods before me except the almighty dollar? Old Party laws place dollars ahead of

health, morals and salvation. Does the seventh commandment read on this wise? Thou shalt not commit adultery unless thou art a man or woman of good moral character? If so, it can be claimed that the law which demands good moral character as a qualification of the bartender is based upon the moral law. Is it written, Thou shalt not steal of one who has already been robbed of his last cent? We are saying by law, You shall not sell Whiskey to one who is already full of whiskey. Is there a commandment like this, Thou shalt not kill unless thou canst induce a majority of the citizens of thy community to vote to sell thee the privilege of killing? If there is, perhaps it can be said that our infamous local option laws are in accord with God's law. This question is submitted to an intelligent audience. Which kind of law conforms to the moral law as briefly expressed in the ten commandments; the compromising, legalizing legislation of the Old Parties, or the Thou shalt not manufacture, import, transport, nor sell alcoholic poisons, which the Prohibition Party asks the privilege of enacting and enforcing.

This is not an idle question. Our nation's destiny is at stake. The worst feature of the liquor traffic is not drunkenness but license law. America's crime is her law-made covenant with death and agreement with hell. Righteousness of law as well as of life exalteth a nation and sinful legislation is a reproach to any people. An acknowledgment of the crown of Jesus Christ is as essential to the perpetuity of our national life as is faith in His cross necessary to the salvation of an individual. Great is the responsibility of the law makers of our land, and her law makers are her citizens. Fellow countrymen, shall not ours be a nation whose God is the Lord because our law is like God's law?

The Prohibition Oratorical Contest.

J. W. ELLIOTT

Of all the interesting and profitable programs that are given in Houghton Seminary probably few are enjoyed and appreciated more than the oratorical contests. This year's annual Prohibition contest, which was held on the evening of February 11, was especially appreciated by the Houghton people. Eleven of our best orators and several of our best musicians rendered a most enjoyable, instructive and persuasive program. It was as follows:

Invocation	Rev. Hazlett
Quartet	Misses Edna Hester and Opal Smith
	Messrs. Frank Wright and Clair Beverley
Oration—The New Crusade	Mr. C. Floyd Hester
Oration—Moral Law and Prohibition	
	Mr. George Sprague
Oration—A Substitute	Mr. Maurice A. Gibbs
Vocal Solo	Mr. Miles Wagoner
Oration—A Political Issue	Mr. Owen M. Walton
Oration—The Modern Trafalgar	
	Mr. A. Ray Calhoun
Oration—The Slaughter of the Innocents	
	Mr. G. Tremaine McDowell
Quartet.	
Oration—The Bondage of the Pharaohs	
	Mr. Glenn Carpenter
Oration—Liberty or License, Mr. Harold H. Hester	
Oration—The Victory Depends on You	
	Miss Maude M. Benton
Vocal Duet, Misses Edna Smith and Rosa Crosby	
Oration—The Loyalty of the American Vote	
	Mr. Jesse Frazier
Oration—Local Option Versus Prohibition	
	Mr. Ward C. Bowen
Instrumental Duet, Misses Curtis and Farnsworth	
Decision of the judges and awarding of prizes.	
Quartet.	

All the music was fine. The instrumental duet could not be other than perfect when executed by such pianists as Miss Farnsworth and Miss Curtis. Mr. Wagoner certainly has before him a very successful career as a singer, if one may judge by his solos in the contest. The vocal duet was enjoyed by everyone. The quartet also sang two stirring Prohibition songs, then closed with a Houghton college song written by Miss Abbie L. Churchill.



THE PROHIBITION ORATORS.

Top row, left to right.—Owen Walton, Glenn Carpenter, Jesse Frazier, Ray Calhoun, Ward Bowen.
Middle row.—Harold Hester, Maude Benton, Floyd Hester, George Sprague.
Bottom row.—Maurice Gibbs, Tremaine McDowell.

All this was enjoyable but it was the oratory that aroused special interest and enthusiasm on the part of the audience. Mr. C. Floyd Hester set "the ball a-rolling" with his New Crusade. We have tried, he said, to overcome the saloon by regulating it with license and local option; but we shall fail in this until we enact a national prohibitory law. Let us

join with our whole strength in this new crusade for the complete overthrow of the saloon.

Mr. Sprague's oration was a strong argument for Prohibition because moral law demands it. All are agreed, he said, that the liquor problem must be solved by law; but the question is What kind of law? We have made all sorts of conflicting and compro-

mising laws, but the only right law is that based on the moral code of the Bible, which means not regulation but annihilation of the liquor evil.

Mr. Gibbs demanded that, when the saloon is removed, a social substitute be established in its place to satisfy the natural social instinct for which thousands now find satisfaction in the saloon.

Mr. Walton was very certain that because we have failed in fighting the saloon with license and local option, we must make the matter a political issue and exterminate the saloon by absolutely prohibitory laws.

The Modern Trafalgar was a plea for faithfulness to duty. England expected every man to do his duty. Shall we be doing our duty while we protect or permit the saloon? America expects every man to do his duty in the war against the saloon.

The Slaughter of the Innocents was a cry of alarm that alcohol is murdering hundreds and injuring thousands of American children. We despise Herod, but we are worse than he. Let us protect our children by prohibiting alcohol.

Mr. Carpenter prophesied that as alcohol has ruined other nations so it will ruin us, unless we drive it from our land. We have a terrible battle. Who will help free our nation from bondage?

Mr. H. H. Hester argued that as our fathers of 1776 and of 1863 united for the overthrow of evil so we must unite in one great political party and work together for the final overthrow of the liquor saloon.

Miss Benton has the honor of being the first girl in any of our Prohibition oratorical contests. She certainly did so much credit to herself and to womankind in general that a number of other girls will probably enter the contest next year. Her oration was on woman's work in Prohibition, particularly that part of it which mothers have to do. Women, do your duty for the victory depends on you.

Mr. Frazier proved that America faces a great liquor problem. We must destroy the saloon or it will destroy us. Let us vote loyally for Prohibition.

Local Option versus Prohibition was a strong argument that local option in the matter of alcohol is based on a wrong principle because this is a moral question. No one can give another the right to do wrong. We must prohibit the saloon because it is wrong.

Thus ended this great program, the best Prohibition contest, perhaps the best oratorical contest of any kind ever held in Houghton. The judges awarded the first prize to Mr. Harold H. Hester and the second prize to Mr. George Sprague. In a few weeks Mr. Hester will represent us at the state contest where Houghton expects him to do his duty to himself to his alma mater, to his country and to his God. Since the state contest will probably be here, the Houghton people are preparing to give him such loyal support and good cheer that he will win the day and make Houghton's name famous.

What the Prohibition League is Worth to Our School and Our Students.

It brings to us the latest and best information on the greatest of reforms.

It affords opportunity for regular systematic study of the liquor question.

There is real worth in its oratorical contests.

There is open an invaluable training in writing for the papers in the annual journalistic contest.

The association is a recruiting station for politics and statesmanship.

Members are put in touch with the men and women who mould the nation of tomorrow.

The association opens up an opportunity for a life work to those who avail themselves of its benefits.

"Until the voice of God shall call,
Or right shall win the day,
I pledge thee, Truth—my arm, my all,
The warrior's part to play."

—Harold Hester.

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Editorial

Again the editorial mantle has fallen, not as it should, on one who could better fill its spacious folds, but back again upon the one whose lot it should have been to cast it off forever. Such are the ways of fate. At the annual election of the Staff of the Star held Feb. 3, it was voted that the present editor should continue his work. Fully realizing something of the importance of the task and the limitations of his powers and resources, he again pledges himself to do his best to maintain the standards of the Star, and, if possible, to raise them higher. He also realizes fully that it is impossible for him to do this work, without the hearty co-operation of

the partons of the Star. If this co-operation and assistance continues to be in the future what it has been in the recent past a better Star will be the inevitable result.

The first thing in order, of course, is to introduce to our readers the other members of the staff. Some of these are new and some have appeared before. Miss Miriam L. Day, '12, of Iowa, is the assistant editor. Miss Day is spending her third year in Houghton as a college student. Her record here has been unsurpassed as she has usually, even when seriously handicapped succeeded in carrying off the highest marks in her classes. She possesses a christian personality that cannot help making itself felt wherever it comes in contact with the Star.

Mr. Ray A. Hazlett, '14, is the editor for the organizations. Mr. Hazlett is of a somewhat retiring disposition and has not thus far taken much active part in school politics. As a student, however, he has amply demonstrated his ability to take up this work and carry it through successfully. We expect to see his department well managed.

Houghton has never been famous for its activity in athletics. Nevertheless what of interest does take place under the name of athletic sports will be faithfully recorded under the direction of Mr. C. F. Hester '13. Mr. Hester is a husky, breezy westerner, with no mean skill either as an athlete or, we think, as an editor of the athletic news.

Mr. H. H. Hester, '11, continues to act as Alumni Editor. Mr. Hester is spending his fifth year here and is personally acquainted with very many of the alumni and old students. He is an enthusiastic believer in the fact that the alumni are the essential part of the institution. He has carried on his work vigorously and readers of the Star are sure to find

in his column interesting news of Houghton friends of other days.

To the persevering efforts of Mr. James W. Elliott, who continues in the Local Editorship, has been due the assortments of local items that have been recently appearing. Mr. Elliott has abundantly proved his efficiency and fitness for the office and will doubtless continue to do so. He has difficult work but does it well. Mr. Elliott is one of the Prep. graduates of '11.

The Exchange Editor is Mr. Paul Fall. He is spending his second year here as a college man. During his stay he has won the confidence and respect of his fellow students. He has a faculty for seeing all around things, which is an important qualification for his office.

Our business interests during the year will be managed by Mr. Gail Thompson of S. Dak. Mr. Thompson has taken active part in several of the student organizations. He has been found to be a man who attends to what he has on hand. We feel sure that the financial interests of the paper will be handled in a business-like way. We most heartily commend Mr. Thompson to our patrons, knowing that their hearty co-operation and support will not be at all misplaced. He has chosen as his assistant his brother, Theos J. Thompson, who likewise has the interests of the paper at heart and who will do his work ably and well.

Our readers have doubtless already noticed that the work of the Prohibition League has a prominent place in this issue. The League deserves the heartiest support and encouragement that can be given it. As a school we are proud of the orators who took part in the contest of Feb. 11, and we trust that it is only the beginning of an era of practical work of this sort among our students.

Some characteristics of the contest and some thoughts it suggested came rather forcibly to our mind. There was not one of the orators from the first to the last, that did not seem to be heart and soul in sympathy with the principle he was advocating. They spoke from conviction, not for rhetorical effect. They had firm grasp on their various subjects. They treated their subjects in such a way that they were able to hold the undivided attention of the audience throughout the entire long program. No listener could help being impressed with the latent power back of each oration.

The weak point with most of the speakers, however, was lack of training. At the present our facilities for training in public speaking are too limited. What we need, not only for the sake of our school and church, but for the sake of the future usefulness of some of our young men and women in the real contests of life, is a strong, well managed department of oratory. Such a department would furnish us some of the things we need most. It would be a great help in preparing our young ministers for their most important work. We must have men and women, who not only know the truth, but who know how to present it. Such a department would also furnish a strong means of attraction for students thinking of coming here. Many who do not want to specialize in oratory would yet be glad to get some work of that kind if they could.

We think that interest in this subject ought to be manifested, not only by the school authorities, but more especially by the students themselves. A knowledge of oratory is just as useful as a knowledge of music—and we think far more practical. Yet we should feel as if we had suffered a great loss should our music department be taken away. Why not talk up this matter a little among ourselves? There can be no

doubt as to our getting the work if we really want and put up the candidates for entrance. It is a question meriting at least a fair and candid consideration.

We wish to thank our friends for many helpful suggestions and criticisms. Some of them have helped make the Star better. Perhaps you think of something more that might help the editor or manager. If you do pass it in.

Look out for the Alumni number coming before very long.

Exchanges

Paul Fall, '13, Editor

We should be glad to receive more exchanges from other schools.

The January number of the Alfred University Monthly contained some excellent literary productions. The piece "College—Our Vocation or Avocation" is splendid; every college boy should read it. While we think football is a good sport yet we believe that it can be changed until it will not be so rough. The student must have some good exercise which will aid physical development but we believe that it can be obtained in a more humane form.

We are glad to see so many exchanges in the Albright Bulletin. The paper is certainly a good example of a school paper. The January number containing the production "Culture" is certainly good. We heartily agree and endorse the thoughts expressed in the article.

The Walking Leaf is indeed a good paper. The literary department is especially interesting. The school has our deepest sympathy in the loss of one of their trustees, Hon. Owen Cassidy.

The Wheaton College Record is indeed an excellent school paper. No department is slighted and each department is filled with interesting reading.

Organizations

RAY A. HAZLETT, '14, EDITOR

The Philomatheon Society

This semester the members of the Philomatheon Society have entered into their society work with more enthusiasm than they did last semester. The attendance has been larger and each member is taking more interest than before.

The younger members of the society are doing very good work, for as yet none of them have failed to give their parts on the programmes.

Some of the boys are becoming musical prodigies and will be heard from in the near future.

In one of the meetings Miss Bedford gave some interesting news about some former members of the society. Mr. Ostlund gave a speech on the books in the library that are the most profitable to read. The last meeting was a study of nature, and many interesting facts were given about animals and their manner of living.

We believe that the society work could be carried on more successfully if each member would be at each meeting and try to be on time.

M. H.

The Neosophic Literary Society

The society work during the past month has been up to the usual standard notwithstanding the fact that several of our members were preparing for the Prohibition contest of February 11.

In one of the downstairs meetings this month the principal feature was a question-box on well known facts and affairs of current interest. This proved very interesting and also showed the ignorance of the society in some matters. We are glad to report, however, that the society is not quite so deficient in the subject as was the old lady who was telling her next door neighbor about her husband

wanting to go to California. She finished with: "I just told him I never could stand to go as far as California. Why, I'd be all tired out before we got to New York city!"

The program last Friday evening was rather short and was mostly instrumental and vocal music. The attendance was not as good as usual, but we are confident this was owing to necessity rather than choice.

L. H. T.

Young People's Foreign Missionary Society

The members of the Mission Study Class are delving into the mysteries of Mohammedan eschatology these days. Some things very strange and others very absurd are discovered.

At a recent session of the class, Miss Florence Yorton conducted a very interesting and instructive map study of Sierra Leone Colony, West Africa, giving special attention to the section including the Wesleyan mission work. We were very glad to welcome several who are not regular attendants.

Some new members have recently begun regular work in mission study.

The February meeting of Y. P. F. M. S. was devoted to a study of India. The method was unique. A class on the geography of India was conducted by Miss Anna Davison, while the facts regarding actual mission work in that land were given by a class of eight under the direction of Miss Miriam Day as teacher.

Already plans are being made for the annual June missionary meeting. The responsibility of arranging for this meeting has been placed upon the program committee and the president of the society.

E. L. E.

The Prohibition League

The Houghton Seminary Intercollegiate Prohibition Association held their annual Oratorical Contest on the evening of February 11. The number of the contestants was the largest we have ever had. Exactly

one-half of the twenty-two who reported that they expected to enter took part but eleven orators was a gratifying number. They all held the attention of the audience and their productions received much favorable comment. It is interesting to note that five members of the Senior Preparatory Class were in the Contest. While surpassed by part of the college students taking part, yet they showed good material for future speakers. Mr. Harold Hester, of Kansas, a College Senior, won first place and Mr. George Sprague of New York, second place. We feel sure that Mr. Hester will represent us well at the State Contest.

Recently a lady of Ohio—one that has never been a student, sent unsolicited, her membership fee to the league and is now an absent member.

G. T. M.

Athletics

C. Floyd Hester, '13, Editor

There has never been a time in the history of Houghton Seminary when the majority of the students have shown the proper interest in good wholesome athletic sports as they are conducted under our associations.

The Men's Association is not as large as it should be. There are fifteen or twenty, who should become members of it at once; and men you are missing something if you do not join. If you do not wish to join the Association at least come out and see how the boys enjoy themselves.

Feb. 8. The regular meeting of the Men's Athletic Association for the second semester was held in the Chapel. The election of the officers occurred at this time and are as follows: President, Gail Thompson; Vice-President, Owen Walton; Secretary, Lyman Rowe; Treasurer, Jesse Frazier. The standing committees were also appointed at this meeting.

Feb. 15, there was a very exciting

game of basket-ball played which resulted in a victory for the team captained by Walter Willover.

G. E. C.

Women's Association

Feb. 2, the Women's Athletic Association met and elected officers as follows: President, Grace Bedford; Vice-President, Mary Hubbard; Secretary, Lois Thompson; Treasurer, Nettie Rowe; Corresponding Secretary, Vera Jennings. With such able officers we are expecting greater interest and success.

E. A. H.

Alumni & Old Students

H. H. Hester, '11, Editor

Ambrose C. DeLap, '07, is pastor of the M. E. church at Jolley, Ia., and is editing and publishing a local church paper.

Jason A. McPherson, '09, is pastor of the Bird Lake Charge, Mich. He is married, has a young son, and is doing well.

Florence Judd, '10, is busy with the work of a school teacher at Greenwood, Wis. She has forty-three pupils. She is still interested in the "Star."

Clarence Dudley, '10, is helping at home with the work. He has been preaching occasionally.

Richard Willis, '98, is preaching for the M. E.'s at Pierson, Ia.

Prof. Wm. Greenberg, '07, is still holding down his claim in S. D., and besides is teaching school. We miss Professor very much but are glad he is enjoying Dakota.

Walter Thompson, '03, is President of the Central school and a very busy man. In addition to his Presidential duties he teaches some half dozen classes a day. These include a class in Higher Mathematics and two classes in Theology, one with Lee as a textbook, the other Dr. John Miley.

J. M. Hancock is getting well established in his scientific professorship at Central. He keeps the stu-

dents in good humor and is well liked

Bert Shephard and Fred Shultz are doing well in Long Beach, Calif. We understand they are in a restaurant.

Alban H. McKnight is married and preaching at Lisbon, N. Y.

Helen Andrews is teaching at Newburg, N. H.

Gertrude Palmer is working in Rome, N. Y.

Leonard Fagon is handling the registered mail in a general delivery office in Buffalo, N. Y. His work is at night.

Myrtle Cordner is taking a course in nursing in a Chicago hospital.

Walter Crosby is running a restaurant in the new village of Newell, S. D. He is doing a big business and is a favorite with the people. We are sure his influence will count for righteousness.

Mrs. Mertie (Scott) Damon is the busy wife of a farmer near Angelica, N. Y. Their son Daniel says he is coming to Houghton to school when he gets old enough.

We were glad to see Sam Kinney's good natured face in Chapel on Feb. 13. He was on his way from Syracuse to Oberlin. The Oberlin Basket Ball team of which he is manager has just played Syracuse and Rochester Universities, winning in each case.

Mary Wilcox says: "We like the Star very much. It is growing better all the time." Miss Wilcox reports that her mother's health is improving.

"The January number is just at hand and its contents devoured. It was relished and left a good taste in the mouth. The spirit of the Star is broad, instructive, and uplifting, it tends to hold together and unify students, past and present; the make-up is fine and the staff is to be congratulated on the splendid numbers it is giving. We are glad to continue its fellowship and breathe with you its clear atmosphere of loyalty to our Alma Mater.

Yours sincerely,

J. S. Willett."

We desire to thank our friends for their many kindnesses during our recent bereavement in the sickness, death and burial of our friend "Scarlet Fever."

Mary Hubbard,
Lois Thompson.

Locals

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

College Items

Just after the windows were soap-ed at the Seminary, this inscription was seen on the winodws in Prof. Smith's room: R. Davy, D. D.; H. J. Ostlund, Ph. D.; Floyd Hester, R. F. D.

We are glad to see the smiling face of Miriam Churchill in the halls of learning after her long battle with lagrippe.

Five of the Prohibition contestants were college students. They carried off both first and second honors, Mr. H. Hester being first winner and Mr. G. Sprague holding second place.

From C. F. Hester's Chemistry note book, "I took some ammonium sulphate in the palm of my hand which was odorless."

M. M. B.

Because of a sprained ankle, Mr. Paul Fall is limping around on crutches.

On Sunday, February 19, Mr. Harold Hester will supply the Haskell pulpit for Mr. Edward Elliott who preaches regularly there.

Mr. Ray Sellman was on business at Olean February 6 and 7.

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Preparatory Notes

We were very glad to see Miss Marie Hubbard and Miss Lois Thompson again appear in the Seminary halls after their recent confinement.

The preparatory department was well represented in the Prohibition contest. The preps. made a good showing but were unable to carry off the honors from the college men.

The Senior class has recently held a number of meetings to consider matters relating to the June programme. The class with its seventeen members is one of the largest in the history of the school.

The Neosophic Society, in one of its recent meetings, suffered a slight attack of Tremania, but speedily recovered under the watchful care of some of its experienced physicians.

A promising class in Parliamentary Law, under the direction of Professor Bedford, has been organized this semester.

Influenced perhaps by the intention of a certain college sophomore to place a chair of opalized wood in his room, a certain young lady of the preparatory department has decided to install a Morris chair in her home.

Irving Eyler has withdrawn from school because of duties which prevent his attendance.

Guy Keeler has left school and returned to his home in Olean, N. Y.
O. M. W.

Miss Nettie Rowe is living at Rev. Dean Bedford's at present.

We regret very much that on account of illness Miss Zelia Miner has been obliged to leave school.

Miss Polahar is working at Mr. Leonard Houghton's.

Miss Ethel Acher has left school and returned to her home in Pennsylvania.

J. W. E.

Music

Miss Lois Crawford completed her course in Harmony last semester.

Miss Katheleen Banker has been sick for some time. We shall be glad to welcome her back again.

Preparations are being made for a musical recital in the near future.

Although some consider that music is designed simply for ladies we are glad to note that Paul Fall evidently does not think so as he has joined our number.

Ruth Woolsey left school February 15 for her home in Ohio. We shall miss her from Rudiments of Music.

Rudiments of Music did not seem to be rudimentary to some of us when our semester examination came.

The new music students this sem-

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E. M. S.

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