Owen D. Young as a Student:

I found all the old timers at Canton proud to talk about O.D.Y. when he was in college. At Dean Jones' suggestion I went to call on Mrs. Priest, she is a sister of Mrs. Hepburn- she tells me she came to Canton in 1883. Her husband She and Mrs. Hepburn are the daughters of a farmer, born on the mountain top. She says that with a shovel her father could turn the water of their spring so that it would run either into Lake Champlain or the Connecticut River. She had taught in the Vermont Liberal Academy, an institution disbanded twenty years ago, but the students and faculty have revived the annual celebration which seems to make her very happy.

She says she never knew O.D.Y. well. She was busy doing her own work. There were her babies. Some students she did become well acquainted with she says, because her husband had a manual training bench and had fitted up a place in the house to which students came evenings to work with tools under Dr. Priest's direction. But O.D.Y. never came. He had no manual sense, evidently, or call.

She talks with pride and affection of Dr. Priest's devotion to the college. "I was sometimes jealous of the college," she said. "He seemed to think of nothing else day and night." He had that stern sense of full discharge of all his obligations, which all of these early men at St. Lawrence seemed to have had. He must always be on time at his class. They had to have it then that if a teacher was ten minutes late perhaps less the class considered itself dismissed. It never happened to him but once. And that is when at her request

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she wheeled the baby carriage down town for her. She says that he never got over it. He failed in his duty to his students and they walked out on him. Perhaps his pride as well as his sense of neglect of a duty.

Mrs. Priest is a delightful person - youthful in spirit - modern in appearance. She loves Canton - spends her summers there, but in the winter goes here and there, having had a small fortune left her by an uncle. Dean Jones tells me that she is very particular to say to her friends, "That it was not Mrs. Hepburn's money but her own which provided these pleasant journeys." That is Mrs. Priest has the same tendance of spirit which you find in all these St. Lawrence people - pride in standing on their own feet - doing for themselves. Precious quality.

Talked with Dr. C. K. Gaines, one of the most insteresting of St. Lawrence present staff. Comes down from earlier times. (See Sixty years of St. Lawrence for his story.) His father served the college for many years. His son is now the head of the English Department; and I saw a fifteen year old grandson, a tall, lanky, serious boy, that shied a little, I thought, at the suggestion that he follow his ~~gr~~grandfather's father at the college, though it is obvious that there is a certain pride in this line of succession that will bear heavily on the boy.

Dr. Gaines took me up stairs after lunch to talk about O.D.Y. He is very deliberate and I did not give him the time that he would have taken and which would have been advantageous for me, but certain points I did get. He is a humorous man and his first

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remark was, that none of us realize what was impending in Owen's case, that is we had we would have noticed him more closely.'

He brings out the first volume of the Laurentian which began in January 1880. He said that it was in continual financial difficulties until O.D.Y. took hold of it. I have on my penciled notes the dates of his taking hold. The business manager, at the time he was made assistant was Ward - present head of the Alabama Industrial Institute, according to Dr. Gaines. Gaines says that O.D.Y. got the Laurentian out of debt, though it afterwards fell back.

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