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"Log of the S. S. Fellowship"

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The ~~response to the~~ first "log" of this year brought a generous response and I want to tell you it made me feel good to see what a lively interest you all have in this fraternity. Here's news about:

- "Bob Hall - of Memphis. He stopped at St. Louis on his way home; told of his low ebb of a year ago and how fine he's come through. He's now secretary to the owner of the Memphis Commercial-Appeal; flies to New York, Chicago, etc., with his boss and loves his job; he just looks fine and likes this work better than the law practice. It did me good to see you, Bob, and we "sure enough" wish you increasing success in your new field.
- George Olmsted - Saw him in Des Moines two weeks ago when I attended meeting of the Home Loan Bank of which our Savings & Loan Association is a member. Still the same smiling George, full of pep and ambition and building up an Insurance Company of his own since he sold out his general agency business. Success to you, too, George.
- Grady Vien - Saw him Sunday at the Illinois JC meeting - getting better looking all the time, especially since he has the adornment on his upper lip. He's about the most prominent citizen of East St. Louis now and is on the Board of so many things I wouldn't know where to start numbering them.
- Howard Davidson - He was there, too - you can't keep him away from any JC meeting. Incidentally Howard gave me copies of his poem "To a Bunch of Good Fellows" and I'm enclosing them to as many of you as I have copies. Thanks, Howie.
- Leo Ford - - says he was tickled to get the log; he's heard the call "Go west Young Man" and left the railroad to become General Manger on the Pacific Coast for Churchill Manufacturing Company of Sioux City. Has joined both the Los Angeles and the Glendale JCs; said he's had a royal reception - first the slight vibration we call an earth quake and then some "unusual" rainfall that we call a flood, but with his business going fine, he's happy.
- "Ed" Dahlin - just read in the "Young Executive" that Ed was honored recently by his friends in Chicago JAC at a dinner celebrating his promotion to Attorney for the First National Bank of Chicago. Starting at the bank at 13 he was assigned to the Law department; attended YMCA high school and John Marshall Law School at nights and graduated with the degree of LL.B., he deserves and has our deepest respect; his career is an inspiration to us all.
- Carl Junge - --at Lincoln talked mostly of Herb McCulla - said Herb has been

promoted and they visited Herb's new office, the walls of which are full of convention pictures, certificates of Merit and autographed photos all pertaining to the JC activities. Congratulations, Herb, and thanks, Carl, for telling us. Carl also says Harry Krusz was out recently and had a reunion with Ed. Frerichs, Roy Withers, Van Pelt, Ken Ott and the other Lincoln men who were active during Herb's term - and then he talked to them about the Household Finance Corporation. That's evidently the "educational" part of his job - and he's good at it.

Henry Giessenbier - he too was at the East St. Louis state convention; looks and acts like his old self again and we hope will continue to climb on his way upward. Another old timer who doesn't happen to be in our crew, that was there was "Dick" Wood - formerly of Omaha, now Editor of a newspaper at Edwardsville, Illinois. Looks fine, too.

Harvey Humphrey - out at Los Angeles, addresses me as "Dear Old Enoch Arden" - says he thought surely I had gone on a cruise somewhere, become shipwrecked and was sitting under palm trees in some far off spot. No, Harvey, I wasn't shipwrecked, but had pretty tough going for awhile and the sailing has been much more smooth. Not to be outdone by Howard Davidson, Harvey enclosed a little poem, too. I suppose Herb McCulla will burst forth now - it's about the season, isn't it Herb?

"Doc" Lyons - Old Faithful Doc comes though, too; says he's been busy as a bee; spends half his time in the Research and Chemistry departments of Michigan State College; travels here and yon giving lectures; writes stories; keeps up his syndicated newspaper columns, acts as President of the Jackson JC; manages to do some dental work besides attending concerts everywhere within a radius of 100 miles, because his wife is about as active in musical circles as he is in others. But he still has time to remember his shipmates and says hello to everybody in the crew.

Durward Howes - says his book "America's Young Men" is rapidly reaching completion and he has high hopes that this "Who's Who" of young men will serve its purpose of glorifying the young men of America. It's a gigantic task, we know, Durward, and we will look forward eagerly to the book's appearance.

"Walt" Moore - comes right back and says my reference to the new business made his heart go out to me because last fall he did the same thing, launching out in the general insurance brokerage business; says in spite of the difficulties involved he's having the time of his life working out his own ideas. Gee, that's fine, Walt.

It's a pleasure to hear from you all and to relay it on to the crew; it's an inspiration to all of us to witness the achievements of the fine fellows; it's a privilege to encourage those who are pushing forward and a joy to keep alive the friendships we established during our JC days, and so, copying the ending of Walt's letter, I'll repeat it verbatim.

"So, with instructions to the quartermaster to run up the signal 'good luck and a pleasant voyage', I'll square the ship off on the course till the next time we get within hailing distance."

Sincerely,

Keeper of the Log.