

Purple's Prospects Are Bright

The year 1925 was marked by the passing from the Purple ranks of some of the best athletes Houghton College and Seminary have ever known. At the close of last season it seemed that it would be an impossibility to replace them. Another school year is now in full sway, and despite her heavy loss the Purple's prospects for a successful year are bright. The new students have contributed several very promising young athletes to aid in filling the ranks which were shattered by last year's graduation. Among these whose presence in the various Purple line-ups will be noted are Lane, Jones, Thompson, Fero, Britting, Clegg, and others.

The call for basketball candidates has been issued, and as ever the Purple boys have responded excellently. Twenty-five were present at the first practice, which fact is symbolic of the wonderful support they are rendering. True, in order to emerge successfully from that annual basketball classic there is hard work ahead. However, the fellows are exhibiting true Purple spirit, and show willingness to work; thus I believe there is cause for encouragement. Due to the eligibility rules, it is inadvisable to mention any of our outstanding stars. Suffice it to say that there are about a dozen fine young players any one of whom might achieve "Red Mason" fame in the coming series.

At this early stage it is impossible to state accurately the prospect in other branches of sport. However, I unhesitatingly prophesy that Johnson will easily retain his supremacy in that sport commonly known as barnyard golf.

Taking everything into consideration I consider the Purple's prospects unusually bright. With the admirable spirit that the fellows are showing, success is almost sure to reward them.

Gold Girls' Outlook

Maybe you would laugh if you could peek in at the Gold girls' practice periods; and I agree with you that it is hard not to smile when one of the new recruits tucks the ball under her arm and speeds down the floor, closely followed by another member in hot pursuit.

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Excellent Leadership for Purple and Gold

Sometime ago, the Purple and Gold sides met for the purpose of choosing captains for their respective sides. It is true, that with graduation both sides lost captains of exceptional ability, but, as ever is the case, there were others to fill the positions.

The Gold boys have shown excellent judgment in choosing Frank Henshaw to direct them. "Hank" has been a member of the basketball team for three years and their success in winning the pennant for the last two years was due quite largely to his brilliant headwork. He takes an active part in tennis and baseball and is greatly interested in track and field.

Miss Erma Anderson, a girl of unusual athletic ability and who is the proud possessor of the three letters awarded to that sex, is destined to lead the Gold girls. Erma was high point girl in track and field last year.

Good Game and Snappy Classes Contend With Strong Spirit

Basketball was a great attraction again last Friday night. Several weeks had passed without a public game because of so many public functions and so the "gym" was well filled in anticipation of three games that had been "hanging fire" for some time.

No one was disappointed. The last two games were especially good. The boys showed marked improvement in shooting and some almost impossible shots awakened us to the fact that they are getting in fine trim for another big series.

The town girls and the dorm girls have to settle matters every year. The town team composed of experienced players were able to shoot at will against the dorm team, which had only two players who had played much before. Laura Baker was back on the floor again filling her usual position on the defense. Among others who starred were Anderson, Loftis, and Eldridge.

The second game was just as close as any game could be. Tied at several points during the game, the College Sophs met defeat at the hands of the Seminary five by one point when Hussey's field shot bounced out of the basket during the last minute. Mosher, Enty, Hussey, and Mix exhibited a high grade of basketball.

A few years ago, a shy young lad made his first appearance on Houghton's basketball floor. This same lad, Lowell Fox, was the choice of the Purple boys. "Foxey" has an exceptionally fine record in tennis and basketball and has greatly aided his side in baseball and in track and field. The Purple boys have chosen well.

The Purple girls launched their bark with Miss Ione Driscall's steady hand at the helm. "Ikey" figured prominently in basketball last year. Her enthusiasm and pep are contagious, and under her guidance, a successful year is predicted.

With such leaders as these, athletic prospects are bright indeed. But remember this, the captains cannot do it all. They need your help. Let's see some pep! Make your side 100% loyal. It cannot be unless it has your support.

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To say that the last game was fast is expressing the truth mildly. Many of the players were nearly exhausted, the last half being a record-breaker for fast and strenuous playing. The Juniors were able to hold their heads above the Freshmen by only three points.

Fox, Howland, and Steese did some clever work at the basket. Dyer and Lane figured well in general floor work.

Graduating Theologs Find Time to Organize

Never in the history of Houghton has the name, Theological Department or Christian Worker meant as much to the student body, or to the surrounding villages as it does this year. Because this is so, the time and attention of this class of students have been so taken up that little time has been left for any further activity.

It was not that the Theological graduating class had forgotten to organize, but that their first opportunity seemed to be on Friday, December 5. At this time they not only elected officers but began to make definite plans for commencement week of which further notice will be given. The officers of the class are: President, John Mann; Vice President, Josephine Rickard; Secretary, Dorothy Meade; Treasurer, A. C. King.

The Gold Men

The prospects for the Gold this year in all branches of sport are very good in spite of the loss by graduation of several all-round men; namely, Williams, Baker and Rosbach. In basketball the Gold will suffer from the loss of the services of these three men. However, a large number turn out each night for practice. For center they have the veteran Hussey and two new players Mosher and Taylor. All three show considerable ability and are making excellent progress. For defence they have the steady Henshaw, who is their captain, ably aided by W. Bain, C. Flint and Dyer. For forwards they have Donahue, Mix and Roth. There are other recruits who are not here classified but seem to be making very rapid progress and will without doubt place themselves in the front ranks of the Gold basketball squad. Barring all unforeseen circumstances the Gold will place on the court this season one of the strongest teams in the history of the Purple and the Gold.

Purple Girls' Prospect

Purple girls' basket-ball practice began with a running start. Nearly twenty-five girls came out to practice. A fine spirit of enthusiasm was shown by all. Though we lost three good players, there are many applicants for these positions. "Queen" Loftis and "V" Mattoon, premier guards of last year's team, lose their running partner "Ede" Bork. Jean Eldridge and Marion Fox star forwards of last year's team, lose their running partner, Elsie Higbee. "Ikey" Driscall loses her companion for center, Olive Benning. Besides these veterans and our wealth of new material, several old girls, "Peg" Ackerman, Lillis Fancher, "Peg" Lapham, Cossette Phillips, and Helen Cooper are improving over their last year's work. With these girls we hope to have the best team that the Purple girls have ever had.

Our motto for this year might be "Fair play by an All Star Team". We do not wish to make individual stars, but we hope that each girl will show good team work, fair play, and thus win if we can. If we win we will win as good sports, if we lose we will lose as good sports.

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Editorial

SOME THEMES of the editorial page and of the chapel rostrum have been so overworked that the simplest suggestion as to the nature of such an article relegates that particular article to a class which is not worthy of our consideration. This condition is especially true of the subject of athletics. So many good things—and a lot that might simply be called harmless—have been said upon the subject, that anything further would seem hackneyed or trite.

Athletic life is a reality, a necessary fact, in every normal school of general education. In Houghton a certain system of organization exists upon the general acceptance of the school. Specific forms of activity are rapidly taking shape. Some students are investing considerable time, energy, and thought. Nevertheless, no enterprise or organization of a social body can be a success because of the faithfulness of a few, though they be the leaders. Success demands the co-operation of the whole. Every one must contribute his share. Sincerity should characterize all support; earnestness and veracity all participation; and impartiality and justice all administration. Appealing to a sportsman, let me say, "Play fair"; to a student, "Be honest"; to a Christian, "Be righteous"; and to every loyal Houghtonite, "Be all these in athletics".

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by
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Pep

When with voice untrained and squeaky you sing that sweet refrain—"Giddap Napoleon it Looks Like Rain",—when with fingers stiff and clumsy you strum your old guitar, or with conscience drilled and ready you shun a rank cigar, when you dress immaculately, and get your lessons well, or gain the tender glances of the town's most honored belle, you sort to figure then and there—"I sure am full of pep. I'm 'bout the most important guy that ever lived." And yet, you haven't done a single thing to help some other bird. You haven't even cheered him up with an inexpensive word. With all your profound learning, how much better it would be if you'd step into the lime-light so that all your friends might see the value of your character, the brightness of your rep, and if deep within your nature you have any source of pep! Now the season's close upon us when we turn to basketball. Are you ready to respond, friend, when you hear your captain's call? Will you boost our sporting standards? Will you give us of your best? Will you pledge to never fail us in any crucial test? If you will, old man, we're with you, you are starting in the right. Get your battle-gear and armor, and let's enter in to FIGHT.

A student—"I'm beginning to get head and tail to Trig.—If I could only get the body in between!"

Our President's Message

Public worship usually takes place in the house of God, and always in a place that, for the time being is the house of God. This means that always under all circumstances perfect reverence should characterize our actions. It is a sad fact that many churches, in their reaction against formality, are going to the other extreme and are losing the reverence that usually accompanies a formal liturgy. All unnecessary whispering, writing in hymnals, passing of notes, laughter, and disturbance of any kind are absolutely indecent, and any student who indulges to any degree in these acts while attending a place of worship reflects upon his parents, upon his teachers and his school, and most of all upon himself.

Business meetings include conventions, political meetings, conferences, literary societies, etc. In order that students may make the most of such meetings, each one should understand parliamentary law, and then should take part whenever the opportunity is offered. To be able to think while standing before an audience is a valuable accomplishment that every one should acquire as soon as possible. Perfect attention should be given to all that is being said and done, and nothing should be done that will disturb the proceedings. Again as in other places the greatest nuisance is whispering. If students could realize how annoying, how boorish, how unmannerly, is continued whispering in a public meeting of any kind, I believe that even the worst would stop.

J. S. Luckey.

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Extemporaneous Genius

Those who attended the Athenian Literary Society Monday night enjoyed a very beneficial and interesting program even though some who were supposed to occupy places on the program were detained by other activities. Two extemporaneous speeches and a piano solo by Fidelia Warburton were features of the program. Mr. Bain proved his ability to speak without preparation, when he explained the important part that nitrogen and its compounds play in the scientific world. Mr. Tucker gave us a talk on "Physics and its Relation to the Esthetic Nature". We were made to feel that "actions speak louder than words" for who could have given such a talk without preparation better than did Mr. Tucker. Come to Athenian next Monday night and thereby take advantage of your opportunities.

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Although time prohibited an adequate development of the subject, Professor Wright brought out several splendid thoughts. He gave two reasons why a person shuts God out of his life, the first of which was an unjust conception of God and the second an undue emphasis upon the "pet sin" of our lives.

May we each take time for daily meditation to consider our individual responsibility to God; and then realizing that responsibility may we make a complete surrender to Him.

A Busy Sunday

Last Sunday was a busy one for the members of the Theological Class. Though the day was bad for traveling, Mr. Hess and Mr. LeRoy hitched up old Dobbin and went over the hills in the morning to hold service at Fox Hill. Four of the boys also went to Higgins, where they conducted Sunday School and the morning service in the church. Mr. Stark reported a full house at his parish. In the evening Mr. Horton held a baptismal service at the Baptist church in Hume. About

fifteen students went from Houghton, and reported the service a very impressive one. The service in the Baptist church in Angelica, which was a union of the different churches of the town, was conducted by ten Houghton students. The quartet sang very pleasantly, and the young men and women gave their personal testimonies to the goodness of the Lord. The church in Angelica has a number of young folks, the congregation being sprinkled with young men, especially on Sunday evening. Mr. Hess and Miss Meade spoke on the "Atonement" bringing a beneficial and coherent message to the people there. After the quartet had sung for the third time, which was enjoyed by all, the benediction was pronounced and all feel repaid for their services rendered there.

Nature Study Club

The Nature Study Club met Thursday afternoon. The program was in charge of the Physical Geography class and was on the extensive but deeply interesting subject "The Solar System." Is Mars inhabited? Can Mars get and answer our radio messages? These questions were left by Ruth Rockwell, along with many facts concerning this sister planet.

We all love the star-light but few of us know what stars and planets are shining upon us. Burton Wells told of the stars that appear in the December sky. This was followed by the sad but beautiful story of the "dead child of the earth", related by Bradford Wells.

Alumni Column

Mr. Ira S. Bowen, the son of our high school principal, Mrs. P. S. Bowen graduated from high school with the class of 1915, and was assistant in Physics while pursuing his college course in Houghton until the fall of 1918 when he entered Oberlin College, under the S. A. T. C. regime. He received his A. B. degree from Oberlin in 1919. From there he went to the University of Chicago for further study and became research assistant to Prof. R. A. Millikan, world renowned physicist, who took Mr. Bowen with him to teach and to do research when he became head of the newly equipped physics laboratory of the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, California.

Mr. Bowen and Prof. Millikan have been joint authors of a number of articles appearing in the Physical Review, and in the English publication, the Philosophical Magazine, which tell of producing waves and spectral lines in the region between light waves and x-rays, and which show the similarity of an atom of chlorine lacking seven electrons to an atom of sulphur lacking six electrons, and to an atom of phosphorus lacking five electrons, etc. This fills in one of the gaps, so that electromagnetic waves are now believed to extend over a range with wave lengths from those of the longest radio waves twenty miles long, through heat waves, one hundredth of an inch long; ordinary light waves ten to twenty millionths of an inch long; x-rays with wave length one trillionth of an inch; to the gamma rays from radium which are still shorter. It is interesting to note that Prof. Millikan very recently announced indications of rays one quadrillionth of an inch long. Earlier observations of these very short penetrating rays were made by him and Mr. Bowen in Texas in the spring of 1922, by sending balloons carrying an outfit weighing only seven ounces, consisting of a recording thermometer, a recording barometer, and a recording telescope, together with three photographic films and the necessary driving mechanism, to a height of nearly ten miles. Prof. Millikan ventures to suggest as an explanation of these rays that hydrogen is changing to helium somewhere out beyond the stars.

Mr. Bowen is a member of Sigma Xi a national honorary scientific society, and has recently been elected a Fellow in the American Physical Society.

We are glad to see both Miss Wells and Mr. Clark back in school again after their respective illnesses.

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All students eligible to application for scholarships must meet the requirements which entitle them to college entrance diplomas. In financial terms, each scholarship means \$100 per year for four years. However, we believe that the scholastic merit, thus recognized by the University of the State of New York, means far more. We all wish to congratulate the following members of our college student body who have received these awards: Helen Kellogg, Elsie Baker, Alta Albro, Florence Long, Ida Roth, William Sallberg, Lowell Fox, Errol Green, and Everett Dyer.

Alumni and Old Students!

May we hear from you? Write us a letter or a card. Tell us where you are, what you are doing. Tell us about your classmates and school friends who may not be subscribers to the Star, and therefore may not see this request.

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Miss Chind Leads Meeting

Once more Tuesday brought with it the students' sweet hour of prayer. Miss Chind, who had charge, read and commented on a portion of Joshua 1. "If more people," she said, "would say to God, as the Israelites said to Joshua 'Whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go', not so many of them would backslide."

Miss Chind especially urged those who were timid about testifying to do so. A number responded to that exhortation and mingled their praise with that of the others. One young man who was reclaimed Sunday evening gave God thanks for his mercy and power to save. Prof. Wright gave a quotation from Rev. Carter that merits our earnest attention, "How would you like to meet a person with your religious experience and how would you like to live with him?"

LOCALS

Miss Butler has been visiting Miss Doris Neal.

Nada Perry has returned to school, after her illness of chicken-pox.

Mr. Molyneaux has returned home from a hunting expedition in Penna. He shot a bear and a deer.

Mr. Washburn and Mr. Slade fell from the scaffold, while working on the new dormitory on the campground. Neither will be able to resume work for awhile.

A number of the Senior College Class attended the funeral of their president's father, in East Aurora Sunday. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Henshaw in this time of bereavement.

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