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Former Houghton Student Marries

The marriage of Miss Sarah Davison of Mooers Forks, N. Y., and Mr. Jerrie O. Banker of Plattsburg, N. Y., took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. L. Elliott of Plattsburg, at one o'clock, January 1, 1924. The father of the bride, Rev. J. J. Davison, and Rev. E. L. Elliott officiated. The bride and groom were attended by Miss Helen Kerr, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., and Mr. John Banker of Plattsburg, N. Y. Both the bride and the bridesmaid are alumni of Houghton Seminary. The near relatives were guests. After the wedding dinner, amidst a shower of confetti, the bride and groom left for New York City, where they will spend a part of their honeymoon. They will be at home at Plattsburg, N. Y., after January 15.

High School Election

Student Body Officers Chosen

The student body of the High School department have long felt the need of a stronger organization through which to carry out the business that will come up from time to time. The election of officers has been delayed until this late, however, that the students might become informed as to who were fitted for the various positions.

A meeting of the student body was called for Wednesday afternoon, January 9, 1924. Therefore, after the close of school, the students assembled in the spacious study hall where the voting proceeded. The results of the balloting are as follows; President, Virgil Hussey; Secretary, Dorothy Brooks; Treasurer, Ethel Dentler; Song Leader, Mr. Mann; Pianist, Mr. Kreckman; Cheer Leader, Harold Douglass.

Since neither of the candidates received the sufficient number of votes, there was no election for the office of Vice President on that afternoon. However, the students again assembled Friday afternoon, and Clyde Dougherty was chosen for the position.

Co-operation is urged by the President.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Special evangelistic services will begin in Houghton church, Sunday, January 20th, with Rev. J. W. Cooper as evangelist. These services are announced to run two weeks, closing Feb. 3. Sunday services will be at the usual hours, and will be entirely evangelistic. There will be service each evening at 7:30. If other services are arranged, special announcement will be given.

Rev. Cooper has conducted successful evangelistic services in Machias, Eastwood, Olean, and Bradford within the past few months, and comes to us well recommended as a man of God, a strong preacher of the Word, and a singer of the gospel message.

The way has been prepared for these meetings in announcements, and in some measure of organization for personal work. The great need now is personal consideration and prayer.

The meetings begin **NEXT SUNDAY**. They run for **ONLY TWO WEEKS**. Let every one heed the call of God in this hour of effort and prayer.

Noted Japanese Orator

Yutaka Mirakuchi will appear in the Houghton College Chapel, Friday evening, Jan. 25.

The great problems of the Pacific are of vital concern to America. In these problems Japan now plays and will continue to play an important part.

Dr. Minakuchi's lectures on the far-eastern questions afford an opportunity for first hand information regarding these important affairs. Every thinking citizen will be interested in what he has to say. Dr. Minakuchi is one of the ablest representatives of the Christian Japanese in America, a scholar of deep philosophical insight, and a powerful orator. He is a real product of American Universities --- Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia and Yale. He speaks perfect English.

Some folks never make the grade to be on the level.

Sophomore Frolic

The Sophomores held their first social function Friday evening, January 11th, in the new dining hall, which was artistically arranged for the occasion. A three course luncheon was served by candle light on tables cleverly decorated with class favors.

Mirth held sway from the dressing of the first lolly-pop till a truce brought an end to the vicious cracker fight. When worn out with hilarity, their breath coming in faint gasps, in their last dim consciousness, the merry participants hoarsely summoned Weaver's taxi and were deposited safely at their homes.

THAT DEBATE AGAIN

There is an old familiar song which contains a couplet that aptly expresses the sentiment of Houghton students just now. It runs as follows:

"The golden thread is severed,
And our hopes in ruins lie."

It is but a few short weeks ago when there began to kindle in the hearts of loyal Houghtonians the hope that the silver-throated orators of our beloved school would shortly make the sweet-tongued debaters from Chesbrough pay dearly for the defeat which the latter administered to our valiant warriors last year.

This is not to be, however, since Chesbrough has replied to our challenge with the plea that there is not sufficient time between now and spring vacation to prepare for a debate. We had thought that there was time---perhaps we were wrong in so thinking. However this may be, we shall be forced to curb our impatience for at least a year more.

With Chesbrough's refusal to debate this year, it became necessary to look about for some other outlet for the pent-up enthusiasm of Houghton's debate fans. To furnish this outlet it has been suggested the Purple and the Gold meet in combat on the debate platform. This suggestion was set before the student body, Wednesday, and accepted. Let us all be boosters.

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(Editor's Note--On account of the excessive amount of copy the editorial will be omitted this week.)

Purple Names Girls' Quintet

"Vi" Ackerman, captain of the Purple girls, decided definitely last Saturday afternoon, who would represent the Purple on the court during the coming series. "Vi" fully expects that this years aggregation of new and old basketballers will reach those heights to which no other Purple team has yet attained; that they will this year accomplish that which has heretofore seemed impossible--the winning of the Purple-Gold series. For three successive years the Purple have been overwhelmed by the more highly developed Gold attack. However, when asked if she intended to win this season, her answer came quickly. In her low determined tone she simply characteristically said, "We've got to."

"Vi" will herself lead her squad on the floor from the forward position, while grouped around her will be the following galaxy of stars, three of former years and four newcomers: Marion "Ma" Ackerman, Delight Ware, and Mable Armstrong are a trio of goal defenders, the like of which has never been approached by the Purple; Grace McIvor and Eva Sawyer are equally good at center; "Peg" Lapham and

"Pussy" Loftis, who is the Purple's speediest newcomer, will assist the captain at the basket.

Parent-Teacher Association

The meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association held in the school house, Friday afternoon, Jan. 11, was a decided success. As we had expected, Miss Laura P. Vogel of Belmont was present and gave us a very practical and inspiring talk on the importance of fresh air. Then an opportunity was given for questions to be asked which Miss Vogel answered in a very helpful way. We believe after this meeting there will be more enthusiasm in the Health Crusade work which the young people are taking up in form of a contest.

The members of the Association were also much pleased to see present at this time some friends who had not been regular attendants at previous gatherings. For the benefit of those who do not know, we wish to re-state a few facts concerning the purpose and method of carrying on these meetings. The purpose of the organization as stated by the Constitution is "To bring the home and school closer together and thus work for the best interest of the boys and girls." Any resident of the district not only may become a member but is especially urged to join with us whether as a member or as a frequent visitor. In so doing be sure that every one who comes may find a practical means of rendering assistance in the way of suggestions, etc., and will be welcome at these meetings.

Purple Youngsters Again Win.

The purple Juniors defeated the Gold in the second game of the five game series last Friday night to the tune of 27--20. The Purple now need only one more win to annex the series while the Gold must cop three frames in succession in order to come fourth victorious.

Cronk and Fox were the outstanding stars for the Purple; Cronk being especially efficient at caging the baskets, while Benson, Molyneaux, and Bennett played a wonderful all-around game. The Gold starred "Skeets" Roth along with "Chuck" Howland, who appeared for the first time in the series in a Gold uniform. Because of his advent, the teams were better matched than in the first game, but still the Gold seemed

unable to withstand the Purple attack. The third game of the series will be played tonight.

Chapel. Why?

What is the purpose of our chapel services? This was the question raised and answered by Professor LeRoy Fancher in his chapel talk Wednesday morning. Surely we believe with him that these services are our opportunities to hear from God, and we feel this has been true as we waited before Him last Friday morning as the Junior class so reverently conducted the services, or Tuesday as Mrs. Bowen so impressively read the thirty-fourth Psalm.

Since next week is allotted to the semester examinations, our regular chapel hour will be dispensed with.

Star Sport Stanzas

From the Farmer's Viewpoint

by Hussey

"There's jest a few things in this world," said old Si Brown one day, "that us old fellers ain't unfurled. On them we have no say. But I'm atellin' yuh kid, right here, that we're authority on most all things that's been held dear to folks on land or sea. But there's one thing on which we're beat, and that there's basket-ball. On this well take a hard back seat. We don't know that at all. I went to a basket-ball game last night. It sure did get my goat. Those gents wuz jumpin' like some men might to get the suffrage vote. Them guys they tumbled all over that floor. I'd thought they'd broke their necks. They run clean through from back to door and on the way had forty wrecks. My face got yellar and then got red. I guess it effected m' brain. I wus jest as scairt as my hoss Ned when he sights a railroad train. I come out of that buildin' sweatin' like a hoss an' shiverin' like a leaf. I won't go back or I might got worse and I'd rather go blind or deaf."

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The Athenian Literary Society at its usual weekly meeting on Monday evening, enjoyed a program, which, we feel sure, will be of lasting benefit to each one present.

The program was opened by a piano duet from the Misses Bertha Williams and Katherine Jennings, who quite captivated their audience by their performance. The second number on the program was a parliamentary law drill, conducted by the critic who has

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this in charge. This highly entertaining but practical demonstration of parliamentary usages was closed by a few remarks and corrections from Professor Whitaker who acted as critic for the evening. In his remarks he showed the value of parliamentary knowledge, and urged each one to avail himself of the opportunity to join the class in parliamentary law which will be conducted next semester.

Because of the revival meetings which open next Sunday, this is the last meeting for this semester. At the next meeting, officers will be elected for the remainder of the year. This is a live society and should be attended by all college students.

NEOSOPHIC SOCIETY

The Neosophic Society meeting was opened with a good spirit by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," after which Mr. Tucker conducted the devotional exercises. The reports of committees and other business being disposed of, the following program was very much enjoyed by all.

Miss Stein sang a very inspirational hymn, playing her guitar as accompaniment. Mr. Jassimides then read an interesting paper on "Winter Sports." Miss Lois Eldridge's paper on "Books as Companions" presented some questions which each one should ask himself before reading a popular book. It showed that if these were answered honestly and intelligently, the class of books read would be taken from a higher plane which in turn would elevate the morale of our modern youth.

The Misses Fish, Brooks, Bennett, Benning, Huntsman, and Irene Fladd sang the round, "Merrily Merrily" which was so well received that they responded with "To the North Pole We Will Go" as an encore.

This program was short, but full of life and helpful thoughts. We regret that we shall not be able to hold our meetings for a few weeks, but we are more than glad to give place to those meetings which are going to be held at the church. We are confident that they will result in a sweeping victory for King Emmanuel. Our united prayers and efforts will be back of the Pastor and Evangelist.

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The service Sunday evening was a challenge to every student. At this service Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke, Miss Tanner, and Ione Driscoll brought to us reports from the International Student Volunteer Convention held at Indianapolis during the Christmas vacation, at which men of world renown spoke.

Quotations from such men as Kennedy, Chaplain of King George; Rowle of Canada; Cannon Wood of Cambridge, England; and Sherwood Eddy, the well-known missionary, could not but be impressive.

"Life would be meaningless unless I knew God was real."

"Christ never dwarfed a soul."

"Muddled doing is due to muddled thinking."

"Before I read a book, before I speak, before I enter into an important conversation, I pray."

Houghton may be proud of the fact that one of their own number was invited to speak at the convention. Miss Lulu Tanner, our veteran missionary to Africa, spoke at one of the forums concerning medical missionary work in Africa.

Students of other colleges are responding to the appeal which the convention made to them. How are the students of Houghton going to answer the call of our brothers and sisters in other countries who are standing with hands out-stretched toward us and are pleading insistently, "We need reinforcements. Won't more of you come?"

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Helen Hammond is ill.

J. D. Lapham and wife of Rushford called at Will Laphams' Sunday evening.

Prof. and Mrs. Shirley Babbitt of Syracuse are rejoicing over the arrival of a son.

Elmer and Howard Hudson went home Tuesday evening as their mother is seriously ill.

Miss M. Montgomery, who has been having the "Flu", is now confined to the house with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gleason are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Thursday morning, January 17, 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell returned home from Kane, Pa., Saturday. Mrs. H. Johnson and son Billy, came with them.

Prof. Wright, Irwin and Morris Enty, Paul Steese, Earl Tierney, Gerald Scott, Fred Bedford, Clinton Donahue, Joseph Kemp, and Richard Davies motored to Olean last Friday night to witness the basket-ball game between the "World Champion New York Celtics" and the "Buffalo Hewitts."

Houghton's Alumni

Often it has been said by our President that "Houghton's greatest backing is her alumni". Star readers are always glad to know where Houghton's alumni are and what they are doing. This week we will tell something of one of Houghton's first and greatest alumni.

Of course, President Luckey is known to everyone who knows anything about our school. After receiving degrees at Oberlin, Albany and Harvard, he turned his back on all the splendid positions offered him and in the year 1908 he came to Houghton at a great sacrifice. He has fitted into the place as few men could until now he has become a part of the school itself. Students and faculty alike love and honor him. Indeed, it might be said of him that "like the dikes of Holland, he stands our bulwark". Within the last year President Luckey, backed by the fervent prayers of God's people, has attained one of the things for which he has been working, the charter for Houghton College. Through these efforts, he has united the people as they have never before been united. Just now, he is bending all his efforts toward the Permanency Fund, and shall not we, the students and alumni of Houghton, support our dear President?

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Some men are financially favored to seek their personal ends. Others make a way. Mr. Woolsey is in the latter class. Mr. Woolsey was born in Akron, Ohio, about 29 years ago. He and one sister were left orphans while still young. However, he had caught the vision of the need of thorough preparation, so he labored on. After his high school work and three years of college work in Houghton he entered Ohio Wesleyan University and received his A. B. degree in French and Latin.

Under Pres. Bedford of Central College, Professor Woolsey worked for about one and a half years. Then came the call which might have meant his last call. With the same loyalty to his country as he had previously shown for his God and Church he left for France to fight Germany.

While overseas, Professor Woolsey traveled thru France and Italy visiting places of interest. In France, while in personal contact with the French people, Mr. Woolsey learned the peculiar pronunciations which are never attained by life-long students who merely study from textbooks. His experiences there in Latin and French countries have added greatly to his knowledge of the languages.

Upon his return from overseas, Professor Woolsey joined the Marion College faculty. For two years he labored there. Again he entered Ohio Wesleyan, and in 1913 received his A. M. degree. In the fall of 1923, Professor Woolsey became a member of the Houghton College faculty as head of the French and Latin Departments.

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