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HOUGHTON GAINS ENTRANCE

PRESIDENT'S COMING SACRIFICE CAUSES GREETED BY PARADE PRESENT ADVANCE

Special thanks service opens enthusiastic celebration.

Bearing the news of the acceptance of Houghton College to the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges, President Luckey was hailed back to Houghton by the entire school's forces Saturday, November 30.

The faculty, in a parade of twenty-two cars, went to Belfast to meet the car in which President Luckey was riding from Olean. Amid the din of tooting horns, the President was escorted through Belfast and thence on to Houghton where the entire student body were gathered to greet him.

Between two solid ranks of students singing the *Alma Mater* President and Mrs. Luckey walked into the church.

To an audience which filled the building, President Luckey offered thanks to God for his help in the successful project. His short talk was followed by a period of devotional exercises led by Professors Stanley Wright and Claude Ries. The Rev. Frank Wright, the Rev. Mr. Pitt, and Professor Fancher each gave an address.

The President's reappearance in the church door was the signal for a ringing cheer by the students who had gathered. At once a parade was formed and about fifty cars, led by the President's car, swung onto the road to Fillmore.

Twenty minutes later the crowd returned and the annual alumni chapel hour was heralded by the playing of the school band.

The exuberant students, augmented the alumni here for Home-Coming, will conclude the day's round of activities with a large bonfire and mass meeting after the alumni concert.

Student Body Pres. Appeals for Loyalty

We have become a member of the Association of Colleges. Classmates just what does that mean to you?

To most of us it signifies advancement, a definite stride forward. Now we are on a par with the leading colleges in the land—as Columbia, Yale, Princeton, etc. Wherever we go our rating is accepted without a question. But is that all? NO, it should mean more to us than that, for it reaches deeper and calls forth from inside us a desire to do better than we have in the past, yes, a zeal to do our best in the present and future. We should now feel a deeper responsibility than before to live according to the principles and faith of Houghton, upon which she was founded, that through us our *Alma Mater* might become known, respected, and honored by those about us.

"Honored lives" have fallen making possible advance.

As I sat with the throng of students, faculty, and friends of Houghton College which filled the Houghton Tabernacle Church—as President Luckey sounded the note of Thanksgiving for the admission of the school to membership in the Middle States Association, I could not but recall the words of the Lord to His Disciples, "Other men have labored, and ye have entered into their labors."

I suppose there are but few of the faculty, relatively few of the alumni, and perhaps none of the student body who fully realize how truly this statement applies to us as members of the great Ho-ton-family. The physical plant of the college has not always been here. Nor did it spring up in a day or a year. Each individual building represents the planning, and toil, and sacrifice of those who were here before us. Yet today here they stand, and we use them and enjoy them—and take them for granted?

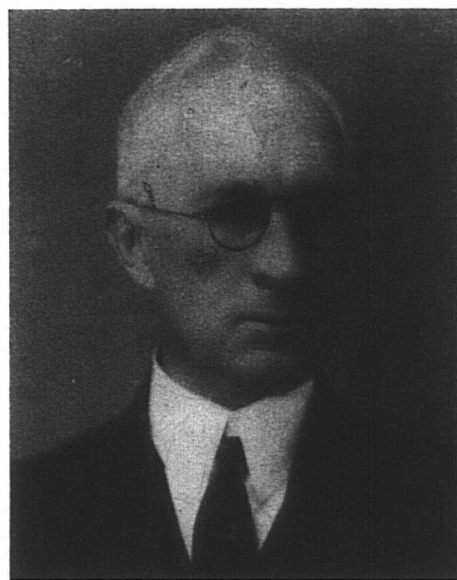
Closely connected with the physical growth of the school and certainly more important, has been its intellectual and cultural growth. Originally an institution on the secondary level, the slow but certain progress to junior college, thence to the rank of a college recognized within its own state, and now to recognition by its regional accrediting agency—this progress is the cumulative result of the efforts of many culminated by the successful efforts of President Luckey. Efforts which have been costly—just how costly will never be known by most of us, who are only too apt to take it all for granted.

Those who have been closely associated with Houghton for the past several years are convinced that along with the physical and cultural growth of the school, there has been a gradual but certain upward trend in her spiritual life. And this, too, we are

I believe the most tragic result of a failure to realize at what price our present benefits have been bought, is that we hold them too cheaply, fail to take full advantage of them, and are ourselves unwilling to make comparable sacrifice for continued progress. Let us awake to the heritage which under God belongs to us. And let us get vision of that which our own toil and sacrifice may mean for the future. —Dean Paine

Words and actions cannot express our appreciation to President Luckey for what he has done for us as a college and as individuals. The only way we can show this appreciation is by making Houghton College the college that President Luckey would have her be.

I am sure that each member of the student body has these same desires at heart. So let us carry them out to the best of our ability. —Layton Vogel



Entrance Marks Second Greatest Step Taken by Houghton College

On Friday, November 29, Houghton College was officially placed on the list of accredited colleges by the Middle States Association of Colleges. Next to the obtaining of the charter, this is one of the most important steps in the development of our college, and just as that event was recognized by holding a service of thanksgiving and praise so was this event. On Saturday at 9:15 a.m., faculty, students, alumni and friends gathered in our beautiful new church for such a service of thanksgiving and praise.

The significance of this achievement is very great. The United States is divided into districts each having its own association—such as the North Central, the New England, the Southern, etc. The Middle States Association includes the states of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. It is my understanding that reciprocity relationships make membership in one practically membership in all. We are certain that this recognition will mean much to our graduates who wish to enter the large universities anywhere in the United States, also in the medical schools and the law schools, but most of all it will be of great value to those graduates who wish to teach in other states.

As April 7, 1923, marked the beginning of a great epoch in the history of Houghton College, so November 29, 1935, marks the beginning of a new epoch. If Houghton College will keep in the middle of the road, will rely wholly on the Lord, and will keep pushing ahead just as heretofore, I believe a great future is before her.

—James S. Luckey

A MEDITATION

"And it Came to Pass" Again and again in old testament Scripture we read this thrilling statement of progress. Always, too, we are the more deeply impressed with the mighty workings of the Lord God. And again it has come to pass. And more we thrill at the very evident movings of the Lord. To Him let ceaseless praise be given.

Likewise do we recognize the untiring human endeavor that has gone into the undertaking that today so happily culminates. Once more the determined men on foot have overtaken the fleeing railway train. The dominant human force in this effort to secure recognition by the Middle States Association, the undaunted spirit that has carried through, the will to accomplish,—all this has been our worthy President.

Houghton College has asked no undeserved favors; she has sought no gifts. Back through the years she has placed her case fairly and frankly before a thoughtful Commission;

IMPROVEMENT MADE BRINGS ACCEPTANCE

Another goal has been reached. "The Commission has voted to admit Houghton College to the Middle States Association." These were the significant words spoken by President Luckey into the telephone at Atlantic City on Friday, November 29th. A few seconds later our President said, "I can hear it, I can hear it!" "It" was the college bell ringing out the glad news to Houghtonites assembled in the chapel or listening in their homes.

Shortly after the College obtained the permanent charter in 1927 President Luckey and Dean W. L. Fancher realized that the next major step forward was securing membership in the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and they worked together to that end in 1930 and in 1933.

Dr. A. S. Downing of the State department who had helped us in securing the charter was soon to retire from active service. It was hoped at that time that this goal might be obtained before he retired. Dr. Downing came here on more than one occasion to help us. In the fall of 1930 he cut short a hunting trip into the Adirondack Mountains at the call of President Luckey and came here to help us prepare our application for admittance to the association. We were told by the association to wait and prepare ourselves better.

Dr. H. H. Horner, the new Assistant Commissioner for higher education in this state, was not at first familiar with Houghton College but he has proved a helpful friend and President Luckey feels that the entire Association has treated us fairly, desiring only to help us to become more efficient that we might measure up to the necessary standard. The same has been true in our relations with Dr. F. G. Ferry, President of Hamilton College, who has inspected us for the Commission on at least two occasions. In 1933 we applied again and the verdict was: "not yet".

In all the changes and improvements of recent years at the college in organization, in buildings, and on the campus this has ever been the goal. We have reached it. We congratulate President Luckey and we rejoice together.

—Prof. H. L. Fancher

as a challenge; she has carried her problems to a throne of grace; and she has grown. That Association, whose business it is to discover worth in educational institutions, found it in Houghton College! and finding it, have recognized it.

At the last meeting of the Commission one of the members remarked that the years of waiting had evidently been productive of increased efforts highly beneficial to the college. President Luckey replied that such might have been the case in the year that are past but that now it would seem the time to quote Proverbs 13:17 "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick; but when the desire cometh it is a tree of life!"