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Teachers' Conference at Houghton

On Friday, Feb. 20, Houghton again had the privilege of entertaining the teachers of the First Supervisory District of Allegany County. The conference was characterized throughout by a splendid feeling of co-operation. About one hundred teachers and training class students were present. District Supt. Tutill expressed great satisfaction over the fact that only two teachers were absent.

Mr. Arthur G. Clement, Specialist in Biologic Science represented the Regents department at the meeting and gave three periods of work which were both interesting and instructive. Mr. Clement expressed himself as much pleased with the high school science rooms and make several helpful suggestions in regard to them.

In the afternoon Professor Countryman of Geneseo Normal gave an inspirational talk in which he stressed the importance of preparedness and especially emphasized the fact that teaching is truly a great profession, one worthy of the best we can give it. He pictured it as a profession demanding men and women of sterling character.

Miss Mary P. Thomas, also of Geneseo gave two lectures to elementary teachers on English and geography both of which were very helpful.

Miss Ida L. Kempke, head of the English department of Buffalo State Normal spoke on the Oral English problem and gave helpful suggestions for teaching it. Later she gave a talk on the subject, "The Formation of Assembly Programs."

Before the conference adjourned an expression of thanks was given to Houghton for the day's entertainment. We are sure that this Annual Conference means much to us as a school since it is one of the ways we can keep in touch with the schools and teachers of this part of Allegany County.

Miss Margaret Codd of Rochester, has been spending a few days with her cousin, Miss Alice Davis.

Rev. J. C. Long who has been conducting revival services in Rochester, spent a few days at his home here, last week.

Visiting Teachers Appreciate Houghton's Hospitality

RESOLVED:—

That we, teachers of the First Supervisory District of Northern Allegany appreciate the kindness and courtesy shown us by the teachers and students of Houghton College and High School.

That we appreciate the use of the buildings and grounds extended to us for our winter meetings.

And last but not least, we appreciate the bountiful dinner furnished at such reasonable price.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be handed the President of Houghton College.

Signed: Mary E. Crowley
Mrs. Harriett Burgie
Graydon Davis

Did You Give Him a Lift?

Did you give him a lift? He's a brother of man,

And bearing all the burdens he can,

Did you give him a smile? He was downcast and blue,

And the smile would have helped him to battle it through.

Did you give him your hand? He was seeking the way,

And he fancied that God would lead him some day;

Did you give him a word? Did you show him the road?

Or did you just let him go on with his load?

Do you know what it means to be losing the fight,

When a lift just in time might set everything right?

Do you know what it means—just a clasp of a hand,

When a boy's borne about all a man ought to stand?

Did you ask what it was—why the quivering lip?

Why the half-suppressed sob and the the scalding tears' drip?

Were you a brother of his when the time came of need?

Did you offer to help him or didn't you heed?

—Selected.

Another Man Saved From Obscurity

As the STAR is about to go to press we learn that Mr. Clyde T. Dougherty of Erie, Pa., has been united in marriage with Miss Erma Chess, of Meadville, Pa. May a happy and useful married life be their portion. Mr. Dougherty was a former student here and at present is supplying a pastorate at Meadville, Pa.

Evangelist Hotchkiss at Chapel

Our evangelist, Rev. A. B. Hotchkiss has given us a number of interesting and helpful Bible lessons in our chapel services of the week, Wednesday morning he spoke on the subject of "Honesty" using for his text 2 Cor. 13:7, "Not that we should appear approved, that ye should do that which is honest." He said in part: "Honesty is the best policy. Then we should be honest with our time. The employee should give his employer the full time paid for. The student should be honest in the use of his time. We should be honest with our fellow men." Rev. Hotchkiss gave some very striking examples of the results of dishonesty. He told of a preacher who copied another man's examination paper and in a year was out of the ministry; and of another man who put stones in the broom corn and had them sent back to him C. O. D. He also emphasized the need of honesty in investigating the Truth as found in the Word of God. "God has a place for honest men and women. God can only use honest men and women."

NOTICE

As stated in last week's STAR, the next meeting of the Anna Houghton Daughters will occur on the afternoon of March 6th in the college physics laboratory. Dr. Boardman will give an X-Ray demonstration. It is requested that all members be at the place of meeting at 3:30 o'clock for the business meeting as Dr. Boardman will begin demonstrating at 4:00 o'clock and it is important that there be no interruptions.

REVIVAL MESSAGES

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near."

These are days of unusual opportunity for finding the Christ. Because of the passion of God for the salvation of human souls in Houghton, He has brought the evangelists here to proclaim His message of mercy and judgment. Brother Hotchkiss is doing his utmost to present the truth in a convincing way. The Holy Spirit is helping many people to believe and yield to God.

The messages that are being brought are making the unsaved see the need of repentance. True contrition is manifest in comprehensive confession to God and to any one who has been wronged. Unless there is genuine repentance, there can be no forgiveness of sin. "But if we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Another lesson that has been forcibly taught is that of the danger of rejecting mercy. The Saviour is yearning to redeem each lost soul, but He will not and cannot save the unyielding heart. The person who says no to the invitation of God is saying yes to God's enemy. Many people have rejected the offer of saving grace, and being forsaken by God have gone into deep sin or have soon met with violent death. This is not pleasant truth, but God is faithful in sending warning to those who will not respond to the more tender messages. How can any one fail to repent and come to Jesus, when he hears not only of the grief he is causing the Lord but also the eternal misery he is bringing upon himself?

Besides the call to the unsaved, Brother Hotchkiss has given urgent appeals to Christians to seek sanctification. Every new child of God needs to have the root of bitterness removed, in order that the Holy Ghost may enter to bless and strengthen the life. This second work of grace is being taught so clearly that many should step out on the promise of the Holy Spirit for themselves.

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Food for Your Soul

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.—Isa. 26:3

Editorial

Mary, Queen of Scotland, "I fear John Knox's prayers more than ten thousand men." Christmas Evans said, "Prayer is the rope in the belfry; we pull it and it rings in heaven."

Several ministers were discussing the command to "Pray without ceasing," and it was decided that one of them should write a paper concerning its meaning.

He asked for one month in which to do it. An old servant over-hearing the talk exclaimed, "What! a whole month to tell the meaning of that text? It's one of the easiest and best texts in the Bible!" Her master indulgently said, "Well, Mary, tell us what you know about it. Can you, who have so much to do, pray all the time?" "Oh, yes, sir, said Mary, "and the more I have to do, the more I can pray. When I open my eyes in the morning I pray, 'Lord, open the eyes of my understanding,'" and when I am dressing I pray that I may be clothed with the robe of righteousness; when I wash I ask for the washing of regeneration; when I begin work I pray that I may have strength for my day. When I sweep I pray that my heart may be kept clean from all impurities; when I

eat I pray, that I may be fed with the hidden manna and the sincere milk of the Word; when I read my Bible I pray, 'Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law!'

And so on all day. Everything I do furnishes me a thought for prayer." "Enough!" said the old divine. "Truly 'these things are hid from the wise and prudent but revealed unto babes.' Go on, Mary, pray without ceasing, as for us, brethren, let us bless the Lord for this exposition, remembering that 'the meek will He guide in judgment.'"

Some of us have played the "Glad Game" and received so much real joy from it, why not let us put into practice Mary's method of praying without ceasing? I am sure we would gain spiritually if we should.

Grace Wright is taking a course of music at Fredonia, N. Y.

An Evening With Poe

The Athenian literary program for next Monday evening is somewhat different from those to which the society has been listening. It is to be on the life and work of one of America's greatest literary masters, Edgar Allen Poe. In fact, the critics of France look upon him as the foremost of American writers. Miss Davidson will give a few notes on his life; Mr. Ballinger will consider his prose works; Miss Fish will take up his poetic work; and Miss Driscoll will read one of his best stories. One of the features of the evening will be a violin solo by Professor Hazlett.

Revival Messages

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The music has been a source of deep inspiration in every service. Brother William Hotchkiss brings out the spiritual value of the songs and leads the congregation to join heartily in the singing. His solos are given with such unction that it seems every heart must be touched, and prepared for the evening's message.

Do you think differently about matters of religion, my friend? If this revival teaching is not according to the verily, verily of Jesus Christ, you may safely hold to your opinion. But are you certain you are on the safe side? Disbelief never changes facts. There is a loving Saviour longing to forgive and cleanse each willing heart. He will give eternal life and the precious gifts of the Spirit. Come today to Jesus.

HOUGHTON LOCALS

Miss Edith Warburton spent the week-end with friends in Levant.

Miss Marietta Fancher who is teaching in Syracuse spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Bessie Fancher.

Miss Alice Wilmot and Miss Leila Gordon of Rushford, spent the week-end with Bertha and Margaret Williams.

Mrs. Anagie Daniels of Penn Yan, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cronk.

Mrs. G. W. Newman has come to make her home with her cousin, Miss Bessie Fancher. Mrs. Newman is the wife of the late Rev. G. W. Newman who was formerly a member of the Champlain conference.

Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Lennox attended a missionary conference at Wells-ville Thursday, and had the privilege and pleasure of listening to Dr. E. Stanley Jones. Dr. Jones was a missionary for seventeen years and a personal friend and admirer of Ghandi, India's great and best-loved leader. Dr. Jones was one of five thousand delegates to, and a speaker at, a recent missionary conference held at Washington, D. C.

Henshaw—discussing the ways of presenting subjects to high school students—"If you can interest the bright ones who merely skim their lessons the ones who work for what they get will have it anyway. Thus the whole class will be interested."

Prof. Hazlett—"We are glad to see we have your attention this morning, Mr. Henshaw."

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Only a Number in a World War

We were forbidden to drink any water but that which had been provided under official direction. This was sometimes in such limited quantities that a guard was placed over it, who took the number of canteen when it filled and took care that the same canteen should not be filled again the same day. It was sometimes difficult for us to confine ourselves to a quart of water a day. Many of the men began to supplement their allowance with French wine and beer, and frequently became drunk when off duty in the evening.

The food supply was also inadequate. A typical morning mess con-

sisted of a slice of bread with bacon, a bit of jam or butter or cheese, and coffee. Sometimes the bread was mouldy. The men were physically unfit for a full day's work.

To these depressing circumstances was added the dampening effect of the weather. It rained almost every day and frequently when we came in from a hike through the mud and rain, some one expressed the sentiment of the company in the remark, "So this is sunny France!" Our first lieutenant entered in his diary the observation, "Here in France it is either raining, just finished raining, or threatening to rain."

While experiencing some of the preliminary inconveniences of war we were being trained more definitely for the reality which these foreshadowed. We were given practice on the rifle range, bayonet drill, and open warfare formations. We observed demonstrations by the British, and had instilled into our minds the fact that we were there to kill.

Aeroplanes were very numerous. I counted twenty-three in the air on one occasion. We frequently saw battles in the air. German planes flew over at night circling the town at times on their bombing raids. It was a deadly freight they carried, and their sound struck fear to the hearts of those who heard. I remember on one such occasion to have recalled the reassuring words "Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night—," shortly after which the buildings were shaken by tremendous explosions. The bombs were dropped at another place a few kilos distant. The greatest number reported to have been killed in one of these expeditions, while we were there, was thirty-one.

One of the maneuvers in which we participated in this section will never be forgotten by any of us who participated in it. It is remembered as the Watten hike. We were to take over a line of trenches in mimic warfare, near the lines beyond Watten. The British acted the part of the Germans.

It was the seventeenth of May. We started early, after a light mess, marching with full packs. The day was hot, but the men kept the pace well until noon, when they were halted for rest and mess. Soon after passing Watten, late in the afternoon, it was noticeable that the men were giving out. One by one the ranks were thinned until we began to wonder how much farther we were to go, and if it were not possible for the officers to give the men a rest without marching the full fifty minutes

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In the Scotch revival of 1630, five hundred conversions took place under a single sermon by John Livingstone. A vast assembly had spent all night in prayer and praise. Why not in our day?

Early Methodism flourished spiritually on its all night meetings and its days of fasting and prayer. Why not in our day?

It was an all night meeting in the Moody Bible Institute some twenty-five years ago that sent Dr. R. A. Torrey around the world and multitudes were converted. Let the days and nights of prayer return to the Church, and the days and nights of revivals will return.

Why not in OUR day—"not by might, nor by power," but by the

Spirit of Him who is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever," and who is waiting, waiting, waiting, to do "great and mighty things" which the Church knows not. Will YOU be one of many to "pray without ceasing" until revival comes?

Library Notes

We are constantly finding it necessary to make room on our shelves for new books, and we have to date, three hundred sixty-four volumes this school year.

There are new books of history by Beck, Fish, Dawson and others; an appreciable number for sociology and economics; science and biology; a set of J. Henri Fabre's works; a valuable set of Bible Encyclopedia and other books for the Bible classes; biographies; philosophies; in fact books for all departments, the largest number going to the English division.

Our missionary societies occasionally remember us with new volumes. This time it is a copy of "Ming-Kmong, City of Morning Light," which shows the development of a mission in that city. We thank you.

Mrs. Martha Barnetson of Belfast, has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Curtis for a few days.

EXCHANGES

The trustees of Greenville College plan to launch a drive for an endowment fund of \$300,000 at once. This will be sufficient to accredit Greenville with the University of Illinois and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Augustana College at Sioux Falls, South Dakota won the State College Oratorical Contest.

The Glee Club of Alfred University plans to tour Eastern New York and New Jersey the fore part of April.

The George Washington University has entered upon a campaign to swell their endowment fund to \$700,000. This began with a student body canvass which is expected to net more than \$10,000 of the \$165,000 which is their present goal.

The Cuba High School basket-ball team has again won the championship of Allegany County. This is the fourth consecutive season, that she has been winner.

The mid-winter revivals at Greenville College closed with a victorious service Sunday night. Rev. B. N. Miner has been preaching some heart-searching sermons.

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each time. We continued so long as there were men enough left to carry out our part of the maneuver as per schedule. A man was but one of so many numbers in the great fighting machine driven by military authority, and every man realized that day that he was only a number in a world war. The roadsides were lined with men who had fallen from the companies preceeding us, and men were lying in the road, over whom we stepped as we marched on. At length we were halted in the midst of a march. It was plain that very few would be left at the end of the march, besides the officers, if they continued. The officers carried a light roll instead of a full pack, and consequently were not overtaxed. We were halted for a short rest, after which we marched only a little way further and stopped for the night. Spreading our blankets, we turned in, wondering a little if we would get any mess, but too tired to care much whether we did or not. At 10:00 p. m. we were served with a cup of coffee—nothing else.

We arose early. Across the road I noticed a dead man. He was one of those who had fallen out. I tried to find out if there were many such, but received only the information that some dead ones had been seen by the roadside and some in the road. Our company had fared better than some others. We had no dead. A few were sent to the hospital. I had charge of a squad of which one man was very ill, but managed to stay with us. Another one, who had hiked half of the day after the arch in one of his feet gave out, had to go to the hospital and was not able to hike with full pack again for more than two months.

That morning we took over the line of trenches and had a sort of introduction to war. The night was made very impressive by the thunder of the guns and the terrific explosion of bombs. One of the air battles was fought directly overhead, at night. I was intensely interested in watching the searchlights as they turned here and there, searching out the dark heavens whenever the dread bombing planes were near. Once, when they had concentrated on a plane and the anti-aircraft guns had opened fire, I saw the machine turn downward and begin its last dash to the earth. The great shafts of light followed it for some distance to see that it did not recover its flight, and then left the heavens again to darkness.

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