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## Missionary Convention at Falconer

Saturday Evening Service Held by Students

Eighteen representatives from Houghton enjoyed the privilege of attending the Missionary Convention at Falconer which began Friday afternoon October 2, and continued until the following Sunday night. It opened with a missionary prayer service and a sermon on "Prayer and Missions" by Rev. Oneida J. Gleason.

The chief speakers of the convention were Rev. and Mrs. G.H. Clarke. On Friday evening they gave several of their personal experiences in Africa. The need for missionaries in that country was brought most vividly to the minds of the people when Mr. Clarke, dressed in African costume, took the part of a paramount chief and urgently plead that a Christian teacher might "sit down" in his village to lead them to the Light.

The Saturday morning and afternoon services were devoted to local band questions, and to the discussion of the great need on the home field, of the relationship between the two missionary societies of the Wesleyan Church, and of legitimate methods of raising money.

The Houghton College students and faculty had charge of the Saturday evening service. Short talks were given on such topics as, "the student's prayer meeting", "the morning watch" and "Missionary Activities of Houghton". A song service was led by Irwin Enty and special music was provided by the male quartet composed of Messrs. Bain, Clark, Kreckman, and Enty. The meeting closed with a consecration service to which four young people responded.

On Sunday morning, Prof. Wright preached an inspiring sermon from the text, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." Emphasis was placed on the necessity of following the Spirit.

Our hearts were burdened in the afternoon as the stirring messages were brought by Miss Hampe and Mrs. Clark. One forceful thought of the afternoon was that lost opportunities in personal evangelism may result in lost souls. Since Rev. Walter Morris was unable to attend the convention, Rev. Rufus Gleason preached an evangelistic sermon in the evening.

The Falconer people gave us a

hearty welcome and pledged themselves to pray for Houghton College. We indeed feel that it was a great privilege to attend this convention because it revealed the possibilities for a closer walk with God and awakened us to the daily opportunities that we have for personal work.

## Arbor Day Planned

Improvement on the Athletic Field to be Made

On October 14, the weather permitting, the faculty and students of Houghton College and Seminary will celebrate the annual fall arbor day. Such a day is designated by making some improvement on our campus, and is strictly a day of work seasoned with pleasure. This year these improvements are to be quite largely on the athletic field; hence every student ought to be intensely interested. We are well acquainted with the fact that our tennis courts need repairing and our baseball diamond must be completed before spring. I am sure that no one wants to walk two miles to play ball another year.

In order to accomplish the best results, and bring our athletic field to a state of perfection on arbor day, it will be necessary for every person to do his or her part. Therefore, students, let us be one hundred per cent strong, and make October 14 the best arbor day in the history of our school. Then, after putting our athletic field in a good condition, let us make our athletics the cleanest and best, and thus surpass any previous year.

## Theologs Hold Meeting at Fillmore

There is not a greater call that can come to young men and young women than to carry the glad message of salvation to their fellow creatures. Thank God because he considers us worthy to take the Words of Life upon our lips and give them out to others.

The first Sunday night service of several that have been arranged for by the Theological class, was held last Sunday evening in the Fillmore Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The discourse of the evening was based on II Kings 5, which deals with the cleansing of Naaman, the leper, typical of a man who is diseased with

sin and cured by the application of the blood of Christ. The speakers of the evening were Messrs Robert and Price Stark, Van Wormer, and David Rees. Luella Roth played a guitar, while she and Florence Fish sang. Both the songs and messages were inspiring.

We thank the Fillmore people for their attendance and interest in the service, but above all we thank God for his Spirit which was very manifest. We trust that this is only the beginning of a good work. Please continue to pray for us.

## Lecture Course

Every student, who has tasted the good things which the lecture course has had for us, is expectantly awaiting the features for this season. You are wondering with what quality of num-

bers we will be favored. Will these numbers be beneficial, or will they only furnish an excuse for association? In plain words, are they going to be worth-while or not?

Let me say that you have something "great" in store for you. The committee of last year did exceedingly well in selecting the numbers for this season. They have chosen a well-balanced program comprised of three excellent musicals and three lectures that will prove entertaining as well as instructive. Besides these, we are proud to have the talent of the students of Houghton College and Seminary demonstrated in the May Concert—one of the most attractive numbers on our program.

We hope that this very brief and general description of what you may anticipate may open your eyes to your privilege.

## Our President's Message

The association of men and women has been natural and right since the time of Adam and Eve, but the serpent got into the Garden of Eden, and then joy and happiness and every worth-while thing was taken away. During college life the association of young men and women in couples is right and helpful so long as this association takes place at the right place, and in the right way.

The right time is the hour when it does not interfere with other duties, or with more important matters, where it is perfectly proper and right, and when the association will be helpful to both parties. Many students allow their association to interfere with their studies and with other plain duties, and this always tends to failure. A proper time is an hour of which sensible people will approve. Good common sense, if allowed to dictate, will determine both the time and the interval between times. The continual association of the same couple day after day becomes disgusting and usually destroys both success and happiness. To be helpful, association should produce pure friendship and high ideals.

The right place is where if found, the blush of shame will not mantle the cheek. Students make fun of the highway limits, but they indicate caution that young people will do well to heed. Association should always be in the open. Darkness and out-of-the-way places are not necessary if all the deeds are right.

The right way is pure, and good, and elevating. I would use the word dignified, if it would be rightly interpreted. I do not mean by this anything stiff and formal, but I do mean a certain reserve and culture that forbids all freedom, or loudness, or boisterousness that is so indicative of ill breeding. Young people, Houghton College desires the very best for you in the line of association, but it rests largely with you if it is to be worthwhile.

J. S. Luckey.

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## Editorial

From any point on the campus, one may look in any direction and view the hillsides and vales colored with their exquisite shades of scarlet, of green, and of gold. How can our hearts refrain from echoing the words of the Psalmist: "The earth is the Lord's;" and again "the firmament sheweth His handiwork!" It is only the Master Painter that can create such blending of colors, such harmony of tones. Surely art is only the attempt to imitate God.

Fellow students, what better investment of time can you make than to expend a few minutes every day out in God's open temple in adoration of Him who gives us life. The returns of efficiency in the routine work, in the appreciation of the Creator, and in the elevation of the soul, will many times compensate the time element.

Also as we cultivate our appreciation of autumnal colors, let us tune our ears to God's own music as given by a preparatory senior of last year, Mr. Vanus Rosback.

Give me the music of the wooded glade,  
That comes as I dream in its shade;  
So peaceful, so soft, so sweet, and so glad,  
Why, with such bliss, can I be sad?

The rustling of the leaves as the trees bend and sway.

The murmuring brook laughing on its way.

And the hum of the bees floating in the air,  
All blend in the music 'round me everywhere.

The birds singing sweetly, some far, some near,

Telling their mates of things that are dear,

The chattering squirrel and the crickets' sharp notes,

Add to the music as on the breeze it floats.

Yes, paradise music, swelling on the breeze,

In the cathedral of giant trees,  
Singing songs of God and his wonderful love,

Accompanied by angels from heaven above.

## Echoes from the Revival

The students' weekly prayer-meeting held September 29th at the church instead of the chapel, constituted the last of the series of revival services. A spirit of true worship and of earnest praise was manifested in prayer and in song. When the students were given an opportunity to tell what God was doing for them, some witnessed to having found new saving grace in Jesus Christ. Indeed, the majority of testimonies rang with fervor and zeal for the Master.

After the class meeting, Rev. Pitt gave a very beneficial talk on the essential difference of the life in Christ and the one without Him. This difference, he said, will be evident in all the associations and the deportments of life; but the reason for this separation is Christ — not the Christian's own goodness.

For this stirring message and for every spiritual advancement in Houghton we give our Heavenly Father praise. Thus, with absolute confidence in the mercy and power of God, our faith sees in the future far greater victories than those of the past.

## The Nature Study Club

Thursday afternoon, at the close of school, the Club met for its regular weekly meeting in the science room of the High School. The usual business was transacted, and then Miss Rork suggested that a hike be taken to the Spring, for the purpose of studying the different trees and shrubs. This met with a ready assent and the hike proved to be a source of both information and pleasure.

## Rev. J. S. Willett Conducts Inspiring Chapel Service

We were glad to have Rev. J. S. Willett, of Syracuse, with us Tuesday at our chapel period.

He spoke from I Peter 1:5, "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last time." He pointed out the fact that the word translated "kept" means "to garrison around". "Believe God's love and power even more than you believe your own experiences and feelings. The rock of Christ Jesus never ebbs nor flows."

He declared that God can keep watch over His people in every particular of their lives as well as in general, in temporal affairs as well as spiritual matters. "It is a mistake to think that God can keep His children only in prosperity, or in adversity or trial. He can keep from small sins as well as great. Whatever the past may have been, He is able to keep."

"God never pushes a man into a hole, but when a man who trusts God is pushed into a hole by other men, God changes that hole into a hill, and out of it he climbs to nobler and better things."

## Library Notes

The library has received from the Putnam Publishing Co. of New York City, a gift of nine volumes nicely bound in blue and gold, written by George Lansing Raymond, educator. They are:

Essentials of Aesthetics  
Ethics and Natural Law  
A Philosopher's Cabinet (quotations)  
A Poet's Cabinet (quotations)  
Poetry as a Representative Art  
A Life in Song  
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Dante and Collected Verse  
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### Musical Notes

Last week we heard something in regard to the musical program which is to be carried out this year. We now are able to report a little more definitely in regard to the chorus and the quartette. To date, there have been chosen from those who tried out, fourteen tenors, sixteen sopranos, fifteen altos, and eight basses. However, it is not too late to join the chorus, since more individuals are needed for each part, especially for bass.

The Double Male Quartette has been chosen, and the personnel is to be: First tenor, Mr. Henshaw and Mr. McMurtury; Second tenor, Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Jones; First bass, Mr. Hussey and Mr. Douglass; Second bass, Mr. W. Bain and Mr. Christy. The high school boys have organized a double male quartette which promises to make the college group work to keep up.

As yet there has been no definite date announced for the first rehearsal of any of these groups, but practice will begin in the near future. There is a bright prospect ahead of each of them under the able leadership of Miss Miller, the vocal instructor.

### Moonlight Merriment

What appeared to be an ordinary fire-drill Wednesday evening, September 30, at Gaoyadeo Hall, was concluded in a way which proved a source of great enjoyment to all the inhabitants. Miss Hampe announced that the beautiful moon-lit night had inspired her to suggest a hike. This was to take the place of the social hour which is to be held the last Wednesday of each month.

Promptly at 9:30, the girls, clad in hiking "togs", scampered down the halls ready for a half hour of fun. The route taken was over Fancher's hill, past the Crawford house, and through Main Street. During the first part of the hike, the girls sang school songs in rather subdued tones. However, when they reached the corner opposite Clark's store, they allowed their youthful spirits to overflow in some very animated yells. For once it was possible to make all the noise they wished and, as all the town-folks will agree, the girls certainly took advantage of the opportunity.

Since by this time it was nearly ten o'clock, Miss Hampe led her reluctant flock homeward. Their last yell, given in front of the girls' dormitory, was in appreciation of their Dean's thoughtfulness in allowing them to go.

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Frank Lane and Beverly Taylor spent the week-end at home, Falconer, N. Y.

A number of Houghton Students attended the convention at Falconer.

Mr. J. C. Crandall and family, and Eileen and Margaret Loftis motored to Olean, Saturday.

Mr. Hollis Stevenson spent the week end in Rochester. Mr. Stevenson's people are here visiting this week.

Rev. Anderson and family, and Mrs. Bowen, were in Olean Saturday.

Elva Lucas, a former student in Houghton Seminary, is studying to be a nurse at the Clinic, Olean.

Mrs. Whitaker entertained the Kellogs to a chicken dinner in honor of the Professor's seventieth birthday which occurred Friday, October 2nd.

We are sorry to hear that Pauline Ellison has been called home by the sudden death of her father.

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