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High School Honors Announced

Among the many eagerly anticipated occasions in the busy life of Houghton, we find the annual announcement party which Mrs. Bowen gives to the junior and senior classes of the High School. It is at this time that the two upper classes meet in pleasant social intercourse, but the great event of the evening is the announcing of the valedictorian and salutatorian of the senior class.

Perhaps this announcement was rather of unusual interest this year because the senior class is the largest class that the Seminary has ever graduated. Perhaps it was of unusual interest also because there are so many students whose scholarship has been of a high grade. This year there are nine students whose average is above eighty per cent in all of their Regents work. Unfortunately there are always some students who cannot be counted for honors because they have not taken their work in New York state, for Regents standing is taken as the basis.

The evening chosen by Mrs. Bowen was rather later in the season than usual because of so many events which had taken all of the available Friday evenings. After a pleasant social time together the fifty people waited expectantly while Mrs. Bowen brought forward the two distinctive ribbons. When the names of Alice Huntsman and William Sallberg were called, at least one of the group was surprised. Alice face became white and she trembled violently. However to the others it was not so great a surprise for they knew the careful painstaking work that she had done. So the class is proud of its valedictorian, who has an unusually high average. Mr. Sallberg is to be congratulated also upon his attainment for he succeeded in ranking second, while doing the work in three years. In fact the class as a whole is setting a standard of scholarship which will be hard to be surpassed.

After the refreshments were enjoyed and a few flash-light pictures were taken, the group returned home voting Mrs. Bowen a pleasing hostess and expressing satisfaction in the method she employs of announcing the honors.

Houghton Chesbrough Debate

Chesbrough Makes Us Early Visit

From sunrise to sunset and even into the wee hours of the hours of the morning it was noised abroad that visitors from Chesbrough had already made us a short visit and had taken a premature leave. However they left ample proof of having been here, in the way of signs white-washed on the road reading, "Beat Houghton", a stuff effigy on the flag pole, painted flags and signs of divers shapes, descriptions and readings. For this act we are indebted to Chesbrough: they rendered us untold aid. Distorted stories of the night's doings ran rampant, some even suggesting that a traitor or a stool-pigeon had tipped off our friends from Chesbrough. The boys immediately went to work and the signs on the road read, "You can't beat Houghton" while the painted epitaphs were taken down and sent back to Chesbrough by our invading team who left here about eight thirty.

The team composed of Rickard, Gifford, Davison, and Carey, who motored to Chesbrough with Coach and Mrs. Hazlett, were given a rousing send-off by about two hundred of the student body. Before leaving they faced a battery of "Boulder" photographers and after a salvo of yells and songs, they were pushed off the campus by a bunch of ambitious boys.

Chesbrough Debaters Arrive

The Chesbrough debaters arrived about eleven o'clock, being escorted from Fillmore by a carload of Houghton supporters. They were greeted by an entertainment committee, and we hope, were made to feel at home. Professor Layman, the coach of our visiting friends, was induced to lead devotionals in our chapel exercises at twelve o'clock. He spoke of the oneness of Houghton and Chesbrough and of his pleasure in visiting us for the second time. During the afternoon the squad and its supporters were shown around the buildings and grounds, and at four o'clock were entertained by an exhibition basket-ball game between the Purple and Gold teams.

Debaters and Guests Banquet

Friday, March 20th, following the debate, the debaters and a number of other guests were splendidly banqueted in the dining room. The banquet-room was very beautifully and artistically decorated; we are sure that the committee on decoration pleased the guests by their accomplishments. The carefully prepared menu was very palatable and satisfying to those who were privileged to partake. The toast-master, Professor Wright distinguished himself as ably fitted for the position. Toasts were given by the Mr. Hopkins of Cuba, N. Y., and Professor Layman of North Chili. The "banqueteers" were pleasantly entertained during the banquet by the Houghton orchestra. In fact, all plans worked out to make the banquet a real success.

Houghton Wins at Home

The Houghton negative debate team won a unanimous and overwhelming decision over a team from Chesbrough Seminary last Friday evening.

The question for debate was: RESOLVED: That the Japanese exclusion act should be repealed. The first speeches of the negative were all masterpieces of logic and authoritative proof which combined with the exceptional oratorical ability of all the members of the team, proved practically unbeatable. The main speeches of the affirmative seemed rather weak and were noticeably lacking in authority and failed to impress the audience forcibly with a realization of their main issues. However, they came back very strongly in rebuttal especially the second speaker who was, be-

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An Apology

We wish to correct and apologize for a mistake which appeared in the last issue of the STAR. In an ad which appeared on page 2, Miss Myrtle Jones should been the signature instead of Mrs. Myrtle Jones.

—The Printers

Debate at Chesbrough Seminary

Houghton's affirmative debate team met their apponents at Chesbrough Seminary at the same hour that the Chesbrough affirmative team debated at Houghton. Houghton's affirmative team consisted of the Misses Rickard, Gifford, and Helen Davison with Mr. Carey as alternate.

Miss Rickard opened the debate by and defining the question, giving a brief history of it and reducing it to the following proposition: If the continuance of the Japanese Exclusion Act will result in the future good of our country, it should be maintained, otherwise it should not. She then stated the main issues of the question as follows:

1. The passage of the Japanese Exclusion Act was secured by factional interests.
2. It excludes a desirable people.
3. It unjustly discriminates against the Japanese.
4. It is expedient.

Miss Rickard treated the first of these main issues, Miss Gifford the second and third and Miss Davison the fourth.

The negative contended that the question was whether the Anglo-Saxon or other races should dominate in the the United States. They endeavored to prove that the character and ideals of the Japanese were likely to constitute a menace to our country. They presented their contentions in well-rendered orations. However, as to forensic eloquence their speeches lacked the conclusive weight of definite overwhelming evidence.

The affirmative speakers carefully proved step by step, each contention made. They were also well-prepared for the negative's method of attack, and met their arguments with much more effective rebuttal than that presented by the negative. Hence, it came as a great surprise to the Houghton delegation, and to many of the people of Chesbrough as well, when it was reported that two of the judges had voted in favor of the negative. The conduct of the team, both in their debating and in their uncompromising acceptance of unmerited disappointment, should be a cause for satisfaction to Coach Hazlett and to every friend of Houghton.

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If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knoweth all thing. Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.—I John 3: 20, 21.

Houghton Wins at Home

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yond a doubt, the back-bone of the team.

The debate was opened for the affirmative by Rose of Chesbrough. He gave a short history of the question and advocated as a first issue that the exclusion act had resulted in desroying otherwise friendly relations with Japan. "Virg" Hussey, opening for Houghton, in his bold characteristic manner proved the first issue of the negative: "A sound and just basis exists for first applying the principle of exclusion to the Japanese." He put two questions to the affirmative which, if answered, would have put them in a dangerous position. He asked "Are you willing to repeal or so interpret the disability clause of 1790 that the Japanese may become eligible to citizenship?" Also, "Should the United States have a definite and fixed policy of immigration or should she treat each problem separately as it arises?"

The second speaker on the affirmative, Lake, used no time in rebuttal or answering questions which might place him in a dilemma, but proceeded immediately to his issue, "That the exclusion act is destructive to the trade

and commerce between Japan and the United States."

"Bill" Christy, the seventeen-year-old member of the freshman class, showed that "The Japanese are less assimilable than any of the Caucasian race" with six premises. He also was ready with two questions for the affirmative.

The third speaker for Chesbrough was Mr. Hendricks who held that the exclusion policy was "a departure from American ideals" and his point was well taken. "Joe" Newman closed for the negative in a veritable whirlwind of earnest logic and oratory. His ably defended issue was the fact that the Exclusion Act was the "only feasible plan."

Both teams were exceptionally strong in rebuttal, the affirmative seeming to have saved much material for this purpose. The thought and foresight of the negative had allowed them to prepare much of their rebuttal before the debate and it fitted in almost perfectly.

At the announcement of the unanimous decision for the negative, the chapel broke into a pandemonium, which lasted for several minutes.

Lost and Found

For several weeks past Houghton students have lost the opportunity of attending the Saturday evening Mission Study class. Now it is found. It is a place for those most crowded with work. Too busy to come? Impossible! Consider the prodigious amount of work accomplished by Carey, Livingstone, and even such as Henry Martyn, who spent only a few years on the field. Surely such lives are a standing rebuke to our unfruitful ones. And yet how inspiring to realize that these men had no great genius, were of "like passions" with us, and had as great handicaps and oftentimes greater ones than any of us.

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The class has just started on China and expects to spend another hour on that country next Saturday from 7 to 8 p. m. Other countries and their respective missionaries will follow. You will get information in this one short hour that would require considerable effort and hours of time to dig out of a good library. In other classes you have to "dig" and slave; here of course it will pay to "dig", but you can also simply sit still for an hour, take part in discussion when you choose, but all the

time be absorbing knowledge and inspiration.

Miss Hampe is spending valuable time and energy to make these classes tell in the development of a Christian missionary spirit in Houghton College and Seminary. Are you going to support her as you did the debaters? If so, you will be in the high school study room next Saturday evening at 7:00 p. m. and you will keep posted on current missionary news to bring to class. Let's go! Who? Why EVERYBODY!

HOUGHTON LOCALS

Rev. J. C. Long is home for a week's rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark and daughter, Lilas, of Venice Center spent Sunday with Wilber Clark.

Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Bedford and Mrs. Clement Bedford and Mr. George French of Rochester, were in town last Thursday.

Miss Leina Bruce of Avoca, one of our former students, and Mr. John Mandeville of Warsaw, were married Jan. 14th, at Avoca.

The revival meetings conducted by Rev. Hotchkiss and his son in the Wesleyan Methodist church at Fillmore, closed Sunday evening. These meetings were very well attended and very successful.

Miss Ada Fladd of Rochester, N. Y., a former student of Houghton, was married on Jan. 25th to Mr. Fred Ebner of the same city, at the home of the bride. This notice is a little late, but the editor was just informed concerning the fact.



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The debating teams of Houghton College with sincere desire wish to express their heart felt thanks to all who so willingly and gladly assisted them in any way with the debate work.

First of all the teams unanimously say from within, "we thank you Professor Hazlett." They believe it was through the gratuitous efforts and the wise fore-thought of their coach Prof. Hazlett that they were able to present such forceful arguments in such a convincing manner. The members appreciate the unrelenting perseverance shown in his work with the teams, and the time which he spent so unsparingly. "Honor to whom honor is due." The debaters believe honor is due their competent coach.

The teams wish to thank Mrs. Lennox for her valuable services and helpful suggestions; also all other members of the faculty for any help they may have given and for the interest shown.

Miss Grange was very kind and thoughtful to the debaters while working on debate even to granting them special privileges at the dormitory for which they wish to express their true appreciation.

Mr. H. R. Smith, Sr., of Leonardsburg, Ohio showed a very friendly interest by contributing considerable material on the subject.

The members of teams thank the debate committee for the splendid work they did in advertising, ticket selling, planning for the entertainment of the Chili guests, and all other important features of the evening to which they lent a busy hand and a willing heart.

The affirmative team herewith express their indebtedness to the students of the College and Seminary for the spirit-lifting "send off" which they received. This alone was enough to encourage any heart. They especially desire to thank those who so thoughtfully decorated the room and provided the tempting fruit and confections to welcome their return.

The negative team wish to thank the audience for their presence at the debate and for the interest shown throughout the program, also the students for their support and enthusiasm manifested by the enlivening cheering under the direction of efficient cheer leaders.

Both teams truly appreciate the help and interest shown by every one who may have had any part in the debate and its interests.

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