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The Student's Reception

Houghton's old students try in every possible way to see that each new student feels as much "at home" as possible the first few days in order to ward off that ever present malady of nostalgia.

As usual, the annual Student's reception conveyed an air of merriment and good-fellowship to the on-looker. Each student was wearing a card on which was his number; and was weaving his way thru the maze of gaily colored dresses to find the owners of the blank numbers on his card. The greater share of the evening was consumed in fitting together the names and faces of the new arrivals.

When finally the buzz quieted down the male quartet, consisting of Enty, Kreckman, Clark, and Bain, rendered, "I've Been Listenin' all De Night Long". Miss Rothermel, our new oratory teacher, gave a group of well known short poems, among which were "Out to Old Aunt Mary's" and "Nothin' At All To Say". Mr. Virgil Hussey gave a splendid address of welcome, and Mr. Ellsworth Brown ably responded in behalf of the new students. President Luckey's annual fatherly speech was followed by a few stanzas of the school song, rousingly sung.

If some hesitation was evinced when asked to go thru the receiving line, it was not evident when the company was asked to form a line near the refreshment stand. After the demand for ice-cream had been satisfied, and the last good-night spoken, the gay library was left in darkness.

Alumni Notes

The First College Classes

The Class of '25

—"Dad" Tierney—

There is always a glamour surrounding your own college class which you fail to see or feel encompassing any other. During your days in school you hope for your class, fight for it, sacrifice for it, and even shed blood for it if necessary. You grow to love it as dearly as any organization with which you are connected and when finally it disbands after four delightful years you strive to bring about some bond which will hold it together in later life and

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How About Athletics?

Are you planning to come out for athletics? Do you already have visions of "landing a regular berth" as a member of a successful Purple or Gold team? Surely, for thus you are carrying out the instructions of President Luckey when he advised us last Wednesday to neglect none of the three phases of our school life, physical, mental, and spiritual.

There is absolutely no reason why 1926-1927 cannot be the best year in the history of athletics in Houghton. Look at our new diamond! Doesn't that inspire you to equal the record of the great "Babe" himself? Then later when it gets cold, how about our gym, now being equipped with shower baths and swimming pool? Do you realize that in that gym is the best basketball court in the county? It's right there, ready for your use.

Very soon each new student will become a member of one of the two sides, Purple or Gold. This division of the new students is made most fairly, according to a plan successfully adopted by the faculty last year. Then, if time permits, the call for baseball candidates will be given and the boys will have an opportunity to display their pep—and talent. The girls must wait a short time for their major sport, basketball. Just one caution right here however,—don't neglect to keep up those grades! Perhaps that caution is needless but nevertheless old students will tell you that flunking is by no means an impossibility even in Houghton.

So pay your dollar and get your ticket today for passage aboard the good old ship "H. A. A." as it sails away, floating the colors Purple and Gold, on the most successful voyage it has ever made.

Gem of Thought

Thomis a Kempis

There are two wings by which a man soars above the world—sincerity and purity. The former regards the intention; the latter, the affections; that aspires and aims at a likeness to God, this makes us really like Him.

Faculty Notables

Several times during the past few months I have heard the question, "Aren't you anxious to see the new Faculty members?" In our High School memories, a new teacher was heralded with as much interest as a new preacher. The personnel of Houghton's Faculty has undergone seven changes. Two of these vacancies are being filled by members of the first graduating class of Houghton College. To Miss Josephine Rickard, graduate of the Theological and College Departments, leader in religious work and other student activities, is delegated Prof. Hazlett's position, who is taking graduate work in Columbia University. While her literary ability has always been recognized by her professors and fellow students, her ability to extract from Freshmen hours of laborious and unceasing effort is yet to be attested, but is already a subject of student discussion.

Miss Helen Davison, also a graduate of the Theological and College Departments, assumes the responsible position of Dean of Women. Having spent five years as a student in Houghton, she is familiar with dormitory and student life. The experience in teaching and discipline, gained while preceptress of Cadyville High School will add to her fitness for the position. Those who have known her as a student find in her a friend with a heart full of love and sympathy.

We are very glad to welcome Miss Bertha Rothermel as head of the Oratory Department. Miss Rothermel is an alumna of Northfield Seminary, is a graduate nurse, and holds the degree of B. L. I. from the Emerson School of Oratory. In addition, she has had considerable training in special fields, having been a member of several hospital training staffs, in addition to holding executive positions. Her rich experience gained while missionary to India, in Dr. Grenfell's mission in Labrador, and among the mountain whites of the South, fit her in a special way to present a true conception of life and a far vision.

Miss Dora Burnell, head of the Chemistry Department, comes to us from the University of Nebraska, where she received the Bachelor and Master

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College Classes Organize SENIORS

For the past three years the members of the class of '27 have looked forward to the time when they might organize as a senior class. On Monday of this week the following officers were elected: President, Paul Steese; Vice President, Clyde Meredith; Secretary, Katherine Jennings; Treasurer, Ernest Crocker; Star Reporter, Crystal Rork. Mr. Steese has been the choice of his class for president since his freshman year. Therefore we feel that he is well fitted for his task.

Every member of the Junior class of last year has returned as a senior. Also there are five new members added to the number; namely, Clyde Meredith, Lloyd Tingley, Cecil Russell, Ernest Crocker, and Miss Crystal Rork, making a total of twenty-six members, the largest senior class as yet registered in Houghton College.

Last Thursday evening nearly twenty of the class met for the regular senior prayermeeting. The leader, Miss Benning, stated that it was necessary that each member feel his responsibility to his class and his school. She especially emphasized the fact that each one should keep humble and in a place where he could be used of God. We believe that these class prayermeetings are of no small influence in the life of the class.

JUNIORS

True to their name, as an up and coming class, the Class of '28 met last Monday to reorganize for this, their Junior year. Realizing that the office of president should be filled by one capable of leadership, an almost unanimous vote was cast for Virgil Hussey. Mr. Hussey has safely piloted the class through the Freshman and Sophomore years, and now that its members have become upper classmen they feel that they are acting wisely in placing "Virg" as their highest executive. The result of the ballots cast showed no election for vice-president. Celia Williams was elected secretary, Alta Albro treasurer, and Laura Houghton STAR reporter. The Juniors are looking forward to a full and successful year with these officers.

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Editorial**Our Opportunity**

What constitutes the success of a College? Is it the number of students she turns out, all of whom receive high marks in the courses of study? That might be one quality, but it is not the only one. No! a student may be well developed mentally but still be lacking in several other qualities which are necessary to carry out his life's program. It is of great importance that the physical, social and spiritual sides of the life is well developed.

In planning your schedule of work for this year why wouldn't it be well, students, to take into account each of these factors. First of all, do not omit the spiritual advantages. Watch your daily life; don't forget to read your Bible and prayer; attend the Sunday services; the Tuesday evening prayer service, and your special class prayer meeting. You will find that all these will aid you in a higher and deeper walk with God.

Develop the physical side of your life by joining our Athletic Association. Come out and try out for the different teams when the call is made. Show us that you have real red blood running in your veins.

Develop your social life by attending your class functions, the lecture course and other social events which occur during the year. Another good place to develop real social life is in your every day conduct. Do you act the part of a gentleman or lady in the dining hall, in the class rooms and in your

associations with other people. If you do not, here is the place to begin.

Keep your studies up, for if you do not you are quite likely to fail in the other activities of your college life.

If at the end of this year, Houghton College turns out a student body of healthy clean-cut students certainly she will be a success. Are you doing your part to make her such?

Vacation Happenings

What has happened in Houghton this summer? Well, let's see.

Professor and Mrs. Hazlett and young daughter, Mildred Jean, moved to Oyster Bay in order that Professor Hazlett may work for his doctor's degree in English at Columbia.

On the fourth of July occurred the death of Mr. Charles Weaver at Hornell. Mr. Weaver was one of Houghton's most respected citizens.

Professor and Mrs. Whitaker spent their vacation in Houghton entertaining relatives from Michigan and Indiana. Among others their children and grandchildren were here for a very pleasant family reunion, and also to celebrate, on August 20th, the fiftieth wedding anniversary of their parents. A number of gifts were received by the professor and wife one of which was a beautiful eight day clock.

Edith Lapham was in New York for six weeks, attending summer school at Columbia University.

Rev. and Mrs. David Anderson and daughter Erma, spent five weeks visiting friends and relatives in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pitt and Allen Baker went on a week's fishing trip into Canada. It is reported that the fishing there hasn't been the same since.

Virgil Hussey, Carl Lutz, Joe Kemp, Harold Douglass, and Clinton Donahue have been working in town, for the college most of the summer.

Mr. Ralph Cotton of Georgia has been here taking violin lessons of Prof. Hartmann.

It has been a banner season for weddings this summer.

On June the sixteenth occurred the wedding of Miss Ruth Rockwell and Mr. Elmer Hudson at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson are now residing in East Aurora.

Then on Saturday evening June the nineteenth Prof. J. M. Molyneaux and Miss Betty Black were united in marriage by the Rev. C. B. Whitaker at the home of Miss Black's grand-

mother, Mrs. Green at Belfast. Prof. and Mrs. Molyneaux are residing at Bliss where Prof. Molyneaux is principal of the high school.

On Thursday, the twenty-fourth of June, occurred the wedding of our former Dean of Women, Miss Alice Jean Hampe, to Mr. S. T. MacMillan. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. Hampe, on "the Point." Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan are now at Philadelphia where Mr. MacMillan will complete his medical course at the University of Pennsylvania this year.

Miss Veva Parker and Mr. Ray Arnold were united in marriage. Mrs. Arnold is a former Houghton student.

Miss Elsie Pocock and Mr. Fred Warburton were married on August the eighteenth, at the bride's home in Levant, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Warburton are residing in Ithaca where Mr. Warburton is completing his work for the degree of Doctor.

On August seventeenth occurred the wedding of another former Houghton student when Miss Laura Wyatt and Mr. Paul Readett were united in marriage at Olean, N. Y. by the groom's father, Rev. Walter Readett.

As a surprise to many of the students came the announcement of the marriage of Miss Vivian Saunders of Portageville to the Rev. A. Clair King, pastor of the Community Baptist church of Portageville on the twenty-fourth of August. Rev. and Mrs. King will reside in Portageville, and Mr. King will continue his studies at Houghton College.

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degrees. She has a background of successful High School teaching and executive work. Miss Burnell is well fitted for her work in Houghton, having assisted in the Chemistry Department of the University of Nebraska during her senior year when she was awarded a teaching scholarship. During the year 1925-1926 she was full-time Chemistry instructor in the same school. It is of interest to note that she has been elected to the national honorary scholarship societies.

To be continued.

What We Can't Afford

We can't afford to win the gain
That means another's loss
We can't afford to miss the crown
By stumbling at the cross.
We can't afford the heedless jest
That robs us of a friend;
We can't afford that laugh that finds
In bitter tears an end.
We can't afford the feast today
That brings tomorrow's fast;
We can't afford the farce that comes
To tragedy at last.
We can't afford to play with fire,
Or tempt a serpent's bite;
We can't afford to think that sin
Brings any true delight.
We can't afford with serious heed
To treat the cynics sneer;
We can't afford to wise men's words
To turn a careless ear.
We can't afford for hate to give
Like hatred in return;
We can't afford to feed a flame
And make it fiercer burn.
We can't afford to lose the soul
For this world's fleeting breath;
We can't afford to barter life
In mad exchange for death.
But blind to good are we apart
From Thee, all-seeing Lord;
O grant us light that we may know
The things we can't afford.
—Selected

College Sophomores

Result of the Sophomore election, held September 15, were as follows: Pres., William Salberg; Treasurer, Gladys Brown. No candidates for Vice-President or Secretary received a majority.

Outgoing officers were the following: President, Lowell Fox; Vice-President, Beverly Taylor; Secretary, Erma Anderson; Treasurer, Evan Molyneux.

Largest Frosh Class in History

They're all here! Fifty-five of them! All live wires and ready to make Houghton hum. Never before has there been a class with a better start than this one. It surpasses the class of last year by six members and is the largest Frosh class that Houghton has ever known.

Last Friday they were organized and the following officers were elected:

President—Carl Steese
Vice President—Faith McKinney
Secretary—Eileen Loftis
Treasurer—Ellsworth Brown

Although still in their infancy, they have already grasped the school spirit of Houghton, and are anxious to show the other classes their enthusiasm and abilities. By all indications they will have fine basketball teams—both boys and girls—and are looking forward with much expectation to the coming "clashes" with the upper classmen.

They are also planning some interesting parties. If the fall weather stay nice enough, the first of these is to be a corn roast. The plans for this have not been fully completed and the president will appreciate any suggestions you may have to offer.

The Lord in Our Midst

Dear to the heart of every Christian student is the student's weekly prayer meeting, and we urge you, New Student, to feel at home in them and to make every service yours. By so doing you will get help and help others.

The first meeting of September was conducted by Pres. Luckey and Prof. Baker, our new vocal instructor. The attendance was so large that in order to give all a chance to testify, Pres. Luckey used the Methodist style and called upon them by rows. The majority responded—some new and many old students who told of God's keeping power, and their determination to serve Him better than in the past.

The second service was likewise well attended. We especially appreciated

the presence and interest of many members of the faculty as well as other friends, but best of all the Holy Spirit was very near all who welcomed Him. Our hearts were encouraged and full of praise as the chapel rang with the words of that precious old hymn, "What a Wonderful Savior". Sincere testimonies of victory added much to the blessing of the meeting. Such words as, "I rest in the faithfulness of God", mean much in these days of unrest and unbelief. "I have found something that satisfies—even Jesus Christ in His fulness" is an experimental truth that no argument can disprove. Besides, several at this service, as in the previous one, expressed a greater appreciation of Houghton after having spent the summer among ungodly people.

Then too, at the request of the leader, a large group pledged themselves to earnestly pray for a revival. Let us all be true to our promise and remember, "There hath not failed one word of all his good promises. I Kings 8:56.

Athenians Organize

Monday evening a moderate number of the old Athenian members and a few new students gathered in the chapel to organize for the coming year. Realizing the president should be one capable of leadership, William Sallberg was elected to fill the office. After much confusion Clinton Donohue was elected vice-president, Mary Alice Sloan, secretary and Ralph Jones, treasurer. Ruth Williams was appointed song leader; Leona Thomas, pianist and Merrill Linquest, chaplain. Laura Jane Houghton, Wilfred Bain, and James Ake constitute the program committee. Everett Dyer is sergeant-at-arms.

The Athenians welcomed the new students present and hope to see the names of all our College Freshmen on the membership list. The Athenian Literary Society meets every Monday night and every college student should avail himself of the opportunity which this organization affords. The programs consist of debates, orations, essays, readings, and the best of music. Let the Athenians be 100% next Monday night.

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you watch the progress of the school jealously, astonished at times to see that the old Alma Mater still manages to struggle along without the magnificent brain power and extraordinary brilliance of your beloved class.

You are surprised, too, to find as the years roll on that your class is not far above or far below the average. Some live, some have gone to their reward, some are termed successes by the world, others failures, some aim true, others wide of the mark.

After only two short years it is impossible for anyone, much less a member of the class of '25 to write truthfully about it. There are no distinct failures, there are no howling successes; we are just average men and women, but after all who would want to be anything else?

Mark R. Bedford, the president of the class of '25, ex-editor of the Boulder, ex-president of the student body, ex-member of one of Houghton's finest debate teams, and ex-member of the Harmonizers is still holding down the position of assistant principal in Belfast N. Y. Reports about him indicate that his work there has been most excellent and marked with success.

Edward Williams, better known as "Eddie", treasurer of the class of '25, beloved captain of the Gold for two successive years, tennis, basketball, and track and field star; has finished one year's work in the graduate school of the University of Pennsylvania and will return there for the year 1926-1927.

Miss Rachel Davison, secretary to the President of Houghton College and former class secretary, will continue her work at Houghton this year. Many of the Frosh have already met her in Trig; and we will trust those same Frosh in her mathematical arms, figuratively speaking of course. Needless to say Rachel is an indispensable asset to her Alma Mater.

Miss Laura Steese, ex-captain of the Gold girls for two successive years, and member of the Gold basketball squad for four seasons has been selected to teach the younger generation of Machias N. Y. English and History for 1926-1927. Laura has made the teaching profession a success as far as she is concerned.

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Class of '26

Golden schooldays pass by only too quickly. The class of '26 have started on their long, long trail which leads

from their Alma Mater to their chosen fields of labor. This class has been scattered in the world perhaps more widely than its sister class of '25.

If you should take the roll call of the class of '26 you would find that Charles White would answer from Minersville, Pa., Clair Carey from Punxsutawny, Pa., Dorothy Meade and John Higgins from Cadyville, New York, Fidelia Warburton from Hamburg, Harriet Burgie from somewhere on Long Island, also Mrs. Hazlett, Genevieve Lilly from Carfue, N. Y.; Clarence Flint from Varysburg, N. Y.; Frank Henshaw from East Aurora (perhaps soon from Florida) Freddie Howland from Venice Center, N. Y.; Louisa Jane Gifford from Olean; Zola Fancher from Houghton; and the whereabouts of Johnson has not been located as yet, but we hope to publish it in a later issue.

At least nine of the class are employed as instructors of the youth of our country. Miss Gifford after an extended trip to the Pacific, will resume her work as minister of her people. She is now recovering from scarlet fever. Mrs. Fancher and Mrs. Hazlett are supplying the needs of their families in their respective homes. Freddie Howland has become a traveling man. President Frank Henshaw is at present working for a road construction company.

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