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Houghton Mourns Tragedy

Probably the most unusual and saddest accident that Houghton has ever mourned, occurred Friday, October 26. The youngest son, Warren, of Mr. and Mrs. Crouch was accidentally killed by a shot-gun shell, which had at some time been placed in an old gun. The brother, Ensign, and Warren were playing together; and in some unknown way, the shell (which must have been placed in the gun months ago, and which had failed to fire many times before) was discharged, and the little boy, Warren, fell to the floor lifeless. It is one of those sad cases that will never be explained until we have reached that land where sorrow shall be no more.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the Houghton Church, with the pastor, Rev. Pitt, in charge. The pastor ably expounded the truth from John 14:6. A duet was sung, "At the Cross," a favorite song of the deceased; also the song, "Sometime We'll Understand", was sung.

Houghton extends her utmost sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Crouch in this period of bereavement.

Special Services This Week

Special services are being continued this week at the church. The messages brought by our pastor, Rev. Pitt, are the results of deep spirituality and profound thought. The fundamentals of Christianity are emphasized with stupendous force, and at the same time, with startling application. Some have been led into the blessed experience of entire sanctification.

Besides the Morning Watch, special prayer-meetings have been held. Wednesday noon was observed as a prayer-meeting fast, to intercede for greater vic ory.

Miss Bessie Wright entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wright of Forksville, Pa., and her aunt, Mrs. Haight of East Clayton, Pa., over the week-end. They also visited other friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Dean Wright asks for Co-operation

After chapel, last Thursday, Prof. Wright availed himself of the first opportunity to have a heart-to-heart talk with the men. He thanked them for their co-operation thus far this year; and said that only in a few of the seemingly unimportant matters, such as leaving town without permission or over-stepping the association privileges, was their cause for complaint. He feels---and justly, too---that the men should give their support by observing these rules as scrupulously as those they consider the more important ones.

He also gave those present to understand that the faculty is prepared to deal severely with any student who fails to observe the rule against smoking. There is to be no second chance this year. The offender will be requested to sever his relations with the school immediately upon the discovery and proof of his guilt.

In case there were any who felt that the rules of the school were too stringent, he intimated that there were schools where such restrictions were not to be encountered, and informed them that they were free to leave us at any time, and go to one of that type.

With such straightforward treatment as this, together with the fact that Mr. Wright has ever sought to be a real pal of the fellows, even when it might mean inconvenience to him, it seems that every fellow in Houghton should see to it that nothing but the most loyal support is rendered their dean.

Senior Y. M. W. B.

A Senior Y. M. W. B. meeting is to be held Tuesday evening, November sixth, from seven to eight o'clock P. M. in the College Chapel. An address by Miss Lulu Tanner, and special music will be important features of the meeting. Everybody welcome.

Say fellows, Biology tells us that our greatest trouble is caused by bacteria and microbes. Every staunch defender of the fairer sex in Houghton should resent being called such names.

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

School Honors Most Typical American

On Friday, October 29 Houghton in conjunction with the United States, and perhaps, even with the whole world, honored once more the life and works of the most typical American, Theodore Roosevelt, a peer among the best men that the world has produced and one whom in the last analysis may be termed a great man.

On the 26 promptly at 11:30 a crowd larger than ever before in the long and varied history of chapel exercises, occupied the chapel. Many townspeople and visitors from out of town were present.

The memorable exercise was opened by singing that beautiful old anthem, "My Country 'Tis of Thee", accompanied by our newly developed orchestra under the leadership of Prof. Hazlett.

Mr. Cecil Huntsman, a member of our Theological Department from Clifton Springs, N. Y., who is this year entering his fourth year's work in Houghton, led the devotionals. He read James 2:1-10.

Mr. Erwin Enty, now a College Freshman, who has been associated with Mr. Floyd Banker in evangelistic work for the past summer rendered for us a beautiful solo.

Mr. Matthew Gosbee of Boston and Jersey City, a member of our Theological Department and a seasoned minister of the gospel, was the orator of the day. He extolled the virtues of our most typical American after the manner of a Demosthenes. He told us that the phrase "Most Typical American" was a most apt cognomen in reference to Mr. Roosevelt. He spoke of Washington as a great man but an aristocrat, of Lincoln as a wonderful personality but essentially a man of the common people, of Roosevelt, however, at home likewise in the saddle or drawing room, in the heat of battle or at a formal dinner; as an aristocrat and a commoner---a typical

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Editorial

We are in receipt of a letter from one of Houghton's most loyal alumni, Mr. James W. Elliot who is now teaching in South America. It is a fine letter in that it offers a goodly amount of constructive criticism concerning the "Star", and it is especially valuable coming as it does, just at the time when we are changing the form of the school paper. His suggestions are very applicable and the staff as a whole will benefit by them. A word to the wise is sufficient.

As we are certain that Mr. Elliot would not be adverse, we are printing extracts from his letter.

"I do not know anything about who is managing the 'Houghton Star' now. To tell the truth we got tired of it long ago and dropped it. It didn't seem to be worth the money. But now I have an idea that it has improved, and since we are so anxious to know what is going on in Houghton, we are going to try it again.

"There has really been some bad managing in connection with the school paper. One man writes that he formerly took the paper but dropped it because its coming was so uncertain. When he complained that the paper was not coming, he might receive one copy and then it might stop again. In fact, I suppose there are several months due him still, though he gave up hope long ago. How much other bad man-

agement there has been I do not know.

(The above has been a complaint for a long time but this year we hope to eradicate it almost entirely. The subscription and circulation managers for this year are especially efficient.)

"In my case there seemed to be so little of interest to an alumnus that I thought it not worth taking. We who have been away so long that we would hardly know anybody on returning, want to get acquainted with all the people of town and the new teachers and students each year. It used to be that the 'Star' would say, 'Mr. K. is recovering from his illness.' But who is Mr. K? He was not in town last year. After a month or two we read that John K. was pitcher in a ball game and that Mary K. went out on a picnic.

We figure out that probably Mr. K. has moved to Houghton to put John and Mary in school. Why doesn't the 'Star' tell us a little about Mr. K. and his family, where they came from, what they are doing, etc. The same is true of new teachers and more prominent students. The same is true of all important happenings. We want to know what is going on. Of course the editors of the paper know all the new folks, and know all that is happening and they don't think how anxious we folks outside are to know the folks and events inside. When we used to read the 'Star,' we used to feel we were getting only a fraction of the news that we would like to know.

"I am writing this to you simply that you may pass on to the editors some helpful suggestions that may improve the paper. Of course, too, my criticism may not be good. But I am only stating what I would like in the paper. Of course the heavy articles are good and necessary, but I may say frankly that what interests me is to know the teachers and students and people of the town, and to know what has happened, is happening, and is going to happen."

Mr. Elliott's criticisms are applicable in almost every detail. They state specifically what the alumni want. We welcome constructive criticism of this order.

WE WANT NEWS

written by the alumni or students.
NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

We must have it and we will have it. If we can't get it in one way, we will in another.

The easy roads are crowded
The level roads are jammed;
The pleasant little rivers
With drifting folks are crammed;
But off yonder where it is rocky
Where you get a better view,
You'll find the ranks are thinning
And the travelers are few.

It might prove advantageous to all if some of our fair damsels in Houghton would carry the Egyptian style craze to the extent of being as silent as the sphinx.

Star Sport Stanzas

"THE BOASTER"

by Hussey

We never like a boaster for he has too much to say. He reminds us of a poster painted flaringly and gay. We may find these slippery speakers in each different phase of life; but they only are self-seekers, are not victors in the strife. This man who boasts of knowledge in the spacious realm of sport, is the man who coasts through college. He is not the "mixing" sort. He tells about the number of baskets he has shot, and calculates the lumber in the bats that he has bought. He has never clasped a pigskin to a hot and burning breast, yet he tells us we do not begin to tackle like the rest. When we've listened to his rumors and can scarce suppress a sigh, he asserts, 'I've made twelve homers; 'twill be forty 'ere I die.' He's a man of brave assertions and he flaunts a wicked smile; but in all his exclamations he says nothing that's worth while. His true friends are very scattered, he admits he's sometimes blue. Let us act as if it mattered, do not let that man be you.

Those Third Verses

Until the present week the appearance of our own faculty as chapel speakers has been about as unusual as the third verses of our hymns. Did you ever read over any of those third verses we're always asked to omit? They're inspiring, aren't they, and as good as any of the others? It would be a good thing to sing one of them once in a while, and it's good to hear a Wright or Bowen or Fancher or some of the others occasionally, after such a long list of outside celebrities.

Next week, if nothing happens, Dr. Boardman will speak on Monday, Miss Fancher, Tuesday; W. L. Fancher, Wednesday; and Rev. Pitt, Thursday. Friday we may call Alma Mater Day. The chapel period will be spent in singing the songs and yelling the yells of Houghton College. And we sing the third verses too!

College Juniors of Last Year Hold Meeting

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President, - Earl H. Tierney
Vice-Pres., - Allen M. Baker
Sec. and Treas., Herbert J. Lennox

INTERESTING PERSONNEL

Our class is very unique, it being noted for its celebrities. Our president, Mr. Tierney, is our efficient "Star" editor and president of the Athletic Association. Mr. Baker is our capable student body president. Mr. Lennox, the secretary and treasurer, is now pastor of the Methodist Church of Caneadea. Miss Hampe, our lovable Dean of Women adds to our dignity. The Misses Davison, the accomplished secretary and stenographer of the College office adds much to the ability of the class. We are glad to have within our ranks Mrs. W. L. Fancher, wife of our College Dean. With these and the remainder of our class we maintain our dignity.

Romance

It is very interesting to note the havoc of Cupid on members of our class; his faithful darts have at last gained their prizes. Miss Culp, head of the Oratory Department, through Cupid's unswerving arrow is now Mrs. Lennox, and Nora Mattoon, an alum-

na of the Preparatory Department of 1920 has become Mrs. Woodhead.

Why?

At our social functions we will find it unnecessary to call on those not connected by matrimonial bonds to our class, inasmuch as there are three married members.

Future

We, as a class are looking forward to a very pleasant and successful year together. We have good reason to believe that we will have a year of work interspersed with pleasure, knowing some of the suggestions that have been brought forth.

Lloyd Tingley is at home seriously ill.

CHURCH NOTES

Houghton W. M. Church

Hours of Service

Sunday School	10.00 a. m.
Preaching	11.00 a. m.
Children's Meeting	3:30 p. m.
Young People's Meeting	6:45 p. m.
Preaching	7:30 p. m.
Prayer-meeting Thur. Eve.	7:30 p. m.

The morning and evening services of Sunday, Nov. 4, will be special evangelistic services.

Caneadea M. E. Church

Sunday School	11:30 a. m.
Preaching	10:30 a. m.

E. Caneadea M. E. Church

Sunday School	1:30 p. m.
Preaching	2:30 p. m.

Topic for Sunday, Nov. 4, "Why Jesus Christ?" Solo---Erwin Enty.

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Roosevelt Memorial

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American. His versatility was simply another American characteristic. His activities and almost perpetual successes as a statesman, an orator, an author, a ranchman, a naturalist, an explorer, and a warrior are only more examples of that true Americanism which he so ably exemplified. Essentially a peacemaker, yet a firm believer in force as a last resort, the "Big Stick" as he aptly named it, a gentleman both of courage and of letters, he has left us a splendid heritage in the almost perfect example of his strenuous life.

Chapel closed with a selection and a march by the orchestra.

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Did you read in last week's "Star" of the appalling conditions on some of our mission fields, and of the urgent need for funds to carry on the work? Many of us are well acquainted with Floyd Banker from the Champlain Conference, graduate of the preparatory class of 1922, and of the theological class of 1923. Mr. Banker anticipated sailing for India early in the fall, but due to financial conditions, his sailing has been postponed indefinitely. Owing to the fact that two of India's most capable missionaries are now on furlough, the need for workers there is especially urgent.

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Fillmore

If you were at chapel today, you heard all about the plan; but we will explain it here so that you may better digest it, and that others who were not present may acquaint themselves with it.

November has been the Thanksgiving month for centuries. You know many things for which you should be thankful. Shall we show our spirit of gratitude for the blessings of life by bringing in offerings? We have distributed mite boxes to practically every member of the student body, to the faculty, and to some of the townspeople; and there are more that we should like to dispose of. Make your thank-offering a self-denial offering. Go without something that you will miss, and drop that money into your mite box. Go at it earnestly and cheerfully. Inquire often from your neighbor how rapidly his box is gaining in weight. Put in your Indians, your Lincolns, your Nickels, and Dimes. Let your gratitude grow on your hands until it becomes necessary to make a bigger slit in your box in order to get in that quarter or half dollar. You may open it at the end and put in your dollars! Let us render Thanksgiving unto the Lord, and in so doing, show Floyd (and Hazel) that we are interested.

Anything above fifty-two cents will constitute you a member of the Y. M. W. B. if you do not already belong and we shall consider that you have paid your dues. Everything above the mere dues (\$.52 per member) will be turned toward the transportation charges of Mr. Banker. We need something over two hundred dollars (\$200). We can exceed this I believe, if we do our best. You will be allowed about three weeks in which to fill your boxes; then they will all be gathered in some day at the close of chapel. Because you have responded so splendidly to other needs, you are going to respond to this one.

All townspeople are invited to have a part in this; and any outsider who has a thank-offering which he may care to add, may do so. "My best for Christ."

Mrs. Baker of Rosewood, Cal. is visiting her son, Louis, of the Seminary Department.

HOUGHTON LOCALS

Dorthea Petrie has again returned to our halls.

M. C. Cronk and family spent Sunday in Perry.

Arden Burt is at home convalescing after a serious illness.

Mable Armstrong and Ruth Rockwell are on the sick list.

Edmond Peck of Perry is at home recovering from illness.

Nina Lapham of Warsaw is visiting her parents for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Perrigo visited at Wilson Robbins' the past week.

Mrs. Elma Harris is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Buffalo spent the week-end at M. A. Clark's.

Miss Gladys Foster of Buffalo visited her sister, Ruth, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hauser of Brockport are visiting at C. J. Crandall's.

Mrs. C. B. Whitaker left Monday for Syracuse to spend a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Loftis entertain-

ed a company of friends on Friday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. George Clarke have from Jersey City where they have been attending to the interests of the Y. M. W. B.

Mr. and Mrs. William Calkins visited relatives in Warsaw Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Crawford returned home with them after spending the week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Laughlin, and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thayer and daughter, Elizabeth, motored to Bradford Saturday, and spent the day with Dr. and Mrs. Woodhead.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lapham of Olcott Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Hollenbeck of Buffalo, and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Laughlin of Philadelphia visited relatives and friends in town the past few days.

Andrew Visser and Miss Ione Driscall left for their homes in Grand Rapids, Mich. last Friday. Miss Driscall returned Tuesday, but Mr. Visser will not be with us for a week or two longer. He is recuperating from a sprained hip.

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**Gleanings From the October "Star",
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"During the opening days of the school year the Boy's Athletic Association held its regular meeting and elected officers for the term as follows: president, Glenn Carpenter; vice president, Edward Elliott; Secretary, Ray Hazlett; treasurer, Paul Fall. All committees were appointed at that time.

"The lecture course for this season consists of four very strong numbers. The first which occurs Nov. 15, is Captain Richard Pearson Hobson. Another equally strong number is Jacob A. Riis, noted slum worker and author of New York City. The musical feature of this course will be given by "Roneys Boys" Concert Co. of Chicago. Mr. H. V. Adams, editor, attorney, and preacher will finish the course.

"The Philomathean Society has had only a few meetings this year. At the first closed meeting Mr. Ostland was elected president for the first term. The few programs that have been given show that some of the right sort of work is being done and we trust the interest will increase in the future. (We are still trusting in 1923.)

"Leland Bordman '09, is taking a post-graduate course in the University of Nebraska for his Master's Degree. He is specializing in Physics and Mathematics, and is acting as assistant in Physics there.

"The Houghton Seminary Band met on the evening of the twelfth for their first practice this year. There are several new members."

All the dead are not under the sod.
Look around!

Remember, friends, that the one who talks about the other fellow is generally the worst of the two.

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