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New Students Get Acquainted

Another school year has dawned in all its glory. Both the College and the Seminary are running full blast; and, as usual, there are many new students, each one of whom is heartily welcomed to all that Houghton has to offer. To make this welcome seem more real to those who are here for the first time, the old students gave them a reception the first Friday evening of the semester.

Just as the old town clock struck eight, the students and their friends began to assemble at the gymnasium. Each one wore his name and address, and carried folders on which to secure the names of others. Thus, becoming acquainted was made easy. College yells and songs enlivened the evening.

After ample opportunity had been given for the signing of booklets, a reception line was formed which consisted of some of the representative students, certain members of the faculty, and a few prominent friends of the school. To make the welcome doubly strong, or rather to emphasize that already made manifest, a short address was given by Miss Josephine Rickard. Rev. Horton, representing the new students, responded with a few remarks on the first impressions they received upon arriving at Houghton, and an appreciation of the school to which they had come. A short program was also given, then, there was another opportunity for acquiring new friends, and refreshments were served.

This Student's Reception was one of the best and most enjoyable we have ever had. The old students owe the Social Committee a hearty vote of thanks for their splendid work.

H. A. A. Elects

This week the officers of the Houghton Athletic Association were elected. They are: Paul Steese, President; Gerald Scott, Vice-President; Marion Fox, Secretary; and Howard Bain, Treasurer. It is needless to mention the interest and ability these worthy members have shown in athletic work. Being an officer of this organization may require work and the sacrifice of diversions.

Our Student Body

"Other schools may claim their thousands,
We're a smaller band" —

But nevertheless our band is rapidly growing. This year, every dormitory is full to overflowing, and there are but few homes in Houghton where there are not student roomers. The total registration is 284. This includes duplicates, so that the total number of students is about 250. However, there are at least 135 full time college students, which is a perceptible increase over last year.

Another gratifying feature of this year's registration is the growing strength of the Theological department. There are eighteen registered Theological students, and at least ten more who virtually belong to that department, but who were obliged to register in the college in order to get college credit. Besides, there are many more students who are preparing for definite Christian work who are full-time college or high school students. Among them are five young men from the Canada Conference who are looking forward to Christian service.

We believe that most, if not all, of our students this year are here with an earnest, serious purpose — that of getting an education.

Strange Happenings

Reorganization, yes, in the fullest sense of the word, has taken the place of disorganization which has held sway in the Houghton Sunday School for a long period of time.

Previously, High School pupils, College students, and teachers were members of the same class. There was no definite plan for promotion. People went into the class of their choice regardless of age, mentality, or their rank in school.

Now, by vote of the Sunday School Board, a new plan has been adopted by which students are classified according to rank in school. Four entirely new classes have been organized, making fourteen in all: four in the High School, four in the College, besides the four below the High School department, and the two above the College. The old classes which were formerly composed of the High School and College students are so changed that they are hardly recognizable. Yet, it is hoped that the new system based on school classification will appeal to the students and will excel the old system which was based on age only.

Our President's Message

A new year is before us fraught with great responsibility and wonderful opportunity. What will we do with it? The year 1924-1925 will go down in history as one of the great years in the development of Houghton College. Certain great events took place last year that can happen but once. Notwithstanding all this, every year should be better than the preceding. May I suggest five lines of improvement?

First, the athletics should be improved. I am convinced that the time has come when athletics should be reorganized or else the organization now in our school be so adjusted that all cause of friction and ill feeling may be removed. The athletic field is beautifully graded and by spring will probably be ready for use. The tennis courts should be completed at an early date so that a larger number may enjoy their use. Fall and spring arbor days are a tradition of the college and it would be a great matter of regret to the alumni if they ceased to be observed, but to make them a success the school spirit must be one hundred per cent.

Next week we will try to take up another line of improvement.

J.S. Luckey.

CLASS OF '25

Where are You?

A new school year has begun and that word "Seniors" which is framed so high in the mystic vision of the Frosh and at relatively lower positions to the other classes, has been passed on and is now applied to a new group of students. The members of the first college graduating class have adopted a new name—Alumni.

However they have not scattered all over the face of the earth as yet. Four of them have returned to their Alma Mater and nine others are in the near vicinity, as high school teachers.

The class president, Mark Bedford, is teaching mathematics and science at Belfast. Miss Esther Haynes is also at that place teaching history.

Miss Rachel Davison has returned to Houghton as instructor of mathematics and again as secretary to the President.

Two members of the class are high school principals, Arthur Bernhoft at Scio, and Earl Tierney at Pike. "Dad" states that teaching is not arduous work, which shows he is overcoming difficulties as easily as ever.

Miss Mary Williams who graduated from the Theological Department also, is preaching at Chittenden, Vermont.

Miss Laura Steese and Miss Clarice Spencer are at Machias. Miss Spencer teaches foreign language and Miss Steese history and English. It is reported that Laura enjoys reprimanding a mischievous youth as well as she used to enjoy making a little excitement herself.

Mrs. Herbert Lennox has been planning to attend Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois.

Miss Mamie Churchill has just gone to Philadelphia where she will continue her preparation for the medical profession. Miss Churchill was very fortunate in obtaining a fellowship.

Miss Alice Hampe has returned to her regular place as Dean of Women and instructor in the Theological Department.

Mr. Fred Bedford is completing the work for the master's degree in Physics, at Amherst College where he obtained

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Editorial

Why did you choose Houghton as your place of training, your school, your Alma Mater? Is it not because Houghton is different? Re-echoing the words of President Luckey at the New Students Reception, let us state that Houghton has peculiarities. It is only one's peculiarities that makes one an individual; and, consequently Houghton's peculiarities are her only reasons for existence.

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The democracy of family life is a cherished aim of Houghton. A student is valued on his basic worth of character and not on his scholastic classification. A freshman has a chance.

To predominate all others, Houghton desires to have a religious character; not merely to be a church school, but to be a place where God is pre-eminent in the lives of young people.

Shall we model Houghton after other schools in every respect, or shall we fervently endeavor to retain and strengthen her peculiarities?

This is your paper, students. As your representatives, the present staff are given the responsibility of its editing and publication. To us comes the question: "What shall be the character of the 'Star'?" In answering this, we again ask ourselves: "To whom does the paper go?" Our readers are the students, the alumni, the townspeople, and the Church. Therefore, the "Star" may not be just a sport edition, or a literary organ, or a religious magazine, or even merely a newspaper, but must so incorporate those phases of publication as to satisfy the reader, to reflect faithfully the life of the school, and so to present the ideals of the institution that it will mould our lives.

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The New Faculty Members.

Having attained their degree, we thought we had irretrievably lost from our midst two very amiable and brilliant members of the college class of 1925. The faculty, the student body, and the townspeople had come to admire and love Allen Baker, with his mirthful ways; and Rachel Davison, the kindly girl who worked in the office. Consequently it is with no little honest joy that we find them still remaining with us as members of the faculty. The passing of their school days has not altered their amiability or sincerity but their new responsibilities have brought to their command a certain dignity of bearing and a vast reserve of control which will be amply sufficient, to guar-

antee success to them in the carrying out of their pedagogical duties.

We are also sincerely glad to welcome into the faculty group three other entirely new members, who already have established themselves in the good esteem of the students.

Our new vocal teacher, Miss Miller, holds a musical degree from the University at Syracuse, as well as having taken special work at Chicago. Miss Rishell, in charge of the Oratory Department, is a graduate of the Emerson School of Expression at Boston.

Mrs. Wells, our new high school teacher, comes to us not only with years of experience as a teacher but also as a mother, which adds to her ability in either field.

Although all may justly feel that the school has conferred a real favor upon those whom she invites to a position of authority within her walls; on the other hand, we also feel that in the faithful performance of their duties and by their loyal adherence to the highest ideals of true education, our new friends will in turn most certainly bestow no little distinction upon this, our Alma Mater.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

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Revival services are being held in the church every night because it is the desire of every Christian that God's glory may dwell in our land, upon our church and school. Those who are attending the services feel that it is a season of quickened spiritual life. We invite and urge each student to be present every night that he may receive the blessing that God has for him.

Then not only be present yourself but invite someone else to go with you. Someone has said, "No man has ever been brought to the Savior who was not first addressed personally on his soul's interest." I cannot substantiate this statement but it may be true. One thing I know, that standing face to face with unsaved souls with a personal interest in their salvation, seldom fails to bring results. A revival means faith in God, love for God, and love for our fellowmen.

Prayer, too, is an essential link in the chain of causes that leads to a revival. To move God is to have the soul of the petitioner moved. Pray a cloud no bigger than a man's hand out of the sea of God's grace and there will come out of it enough to break the drouth and deluge all Israel.

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assistantship in the Physics Department.

Miss Josephine Rickard has "come back to dear old Houghton" as a student. She expects to graduate from the Theological Department next June.

Miss Pearl Russell is at Bliss teaching mathematics.

Miss Helen Davison is teaching language at Cadyville, in northern New York.

Miss Laura Baker is in the High School at Fillmore teaching French and Latin.

Mr. Keith Farner is expecting to take a course in law at Buffalo this year.

Mr. Kenneth Gibbon is teaching in the high school at Farmersville.

Mr. Allen Baker has also returned to Houghton as a member of the high school faculty. He is filling the vacancy left by Miss Parsons who injured her eye so seriously that she could not do the work this year.

Edward Williams is attending the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

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Our station agent, Mr. Peck, on account of his ill-health, has been compelled to cease his work. Mr. Peck will be 65 in a few months and would have received a life pension. The new agent is living in Miss Susan Baker's house.

Miss Winifred Pitt, a graduate from Houghton Seminary last June, has gone to Cleveland where she will enter training for a nurse.

Mr. Ray Russell and family have returned home from a visit to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Russell. Mr. Russell is an official in the U. S. Dept. of Treasury.

Mr. Arthur Russell was also home on a visit. He is a mail clerk in New York City. Both are old students of Houghton.

Mr. Tierney, Mr. Bedford, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Farner, Miss Russell, Miss Steese, Miss Baker, and Mr. Bernhoft, all College Seniors of '25, were present at the annual students' reception.

Miss Della Place was in town Sunday.

Miss Grace Tarey is recovering from severe operations. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Professor and Mrs. LeVay Fancher announce the arrival of a son, Maxwell LeVay, Jr. on Sept. 6.

Misses Miller and Rishell visited Portage Falls on Saturday with Rev. and Mrs. Anderson.

College Seniors Organize

The College Senior Class met Wednesday, September 16, in the capacity of their first class meeting of the new year. The following officers were elected on the executive committee:

Pres. — Frank Henshaw

V. Pres. — Louise Gifford

Sec. — Fidelia Warburton

Treas. — Clair Carey

As the Senior Class of Houghton College, we already feel our responsibility in maintaining the ideals established by the graduating class of last year. We desire that the chief aim of each member of our class may be, to acknowledge God in all our ways, that he may direct our pathway in all that we undertake as a class this year.

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