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## Teachers meet in Conference Seymour Speaks on Mathematics

The teachers of the first supervisory district of Allegany County met at Houghton College, Thursday, February 18. There are ninety teachers in the association and few absences were noted at the roll call that morning.

In the morning session there was held a conference or general discussion on the "Relation of Elementary to Academic History." This interesting period was presided over by Miss Mary E. Crowley, President of the Teachers Association and a high school teacher of much merit. It was the privilege of some of the classes in the history department of the College to attend this part of the session.

Following Miss Crowley's lecture, Superintendent Tuthill gave a similar talk on the subject of science.

Dinner was served to the teachers at the Dormitory Dining Hall.

The afternoon was given to three periods. Prof. R. W. Hazlett of the

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## Free to Holders of Lecture Course Tickets

The stereopticon lecture on Alaska by Mr. Edgar C. Raine to be given next Monday evening, March 1, will be open to all holders of lecture course tickets for the season 1925-26. Mr. Raine has been procured by the special committee for chapel speakers, and the cost of this number is guaranteed by the reserve fund from the lecture course. Therefore, this special treat is extended to supporters of the lecture course as an additional number. Seats for which tickets have been sold will be reserved. General admission at the door is thirty-five cents.

The extent of Mr. Raine's experience, as well as the popularity of his lecture, assures us an instructive, as well as delightful, evening. Mr. Raine has lectured in institutions of learning in nearly every state in the Union and in as many as twenty-five different places in single states. As a representative of the Treasury Department of the United States, he has visited every town and village in Alaska once a year for a period of six years. Such intimate contact with the life of these people will certainly contribute an element to the lecture that you will not wish to miss.

## Lecture Course

On March 10, the last of the lecture course numbers which is furnished by outside talent will be given.

Mr. Ward B. Flaxington will lecture on "The Middle Bloc". He is a young but able speaker. During his university days, he was a member of the varsity debate team. He also acquired publicity by winning practically every oratorical prize offered by the university. He is young, yes. But he has a message. He has something to say and knows how to say it. Have you an ear to hear, and do you know how to hear?

Keep this date open.

Is life dull and devoid of pleasure?

Know thy God,

He'll fill the measure of thy days

With all the treasure

His great love encompasses.

## Houghton Boosters

This week during chapel periods, it has been our privilege to hear from two persons who are directly interested in Houghton's welfare and especially in her spiritual progress.

The first speaker was Mr. Myron Wells, husband of one of the faculty members and father of three students here. He read a passage from I Timothy emphasizing the fact that we are chosen to be soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ and that we must "endure hardness" as good soldiers. Another thought which is extremely valuable to Christians was brought out by the speaker. He said it is "at Jesus' feet" that we gain wisdom and strength. Indeed, we all feel that Houghton has a true friend in Mr. Wells.

The second speaker was Mrs. Bertha Christy of Barberton, Ohio. She told us of her Christian experience in a most impressive manner. Mrs. Christy stressed the fact that obedience is essential for a successful Christian life. Anything that is cherished by our pride should be removed from our hearts. Such a definite testimony encourages hearts to pay the full price of salvation. Mrs. Christy, in closing, assured us that she would remember to pray for Houghton and her students.

## The Revival We Praise Thee, Oh Lord

The caption of last week's article on the revival services was even more appropriate than we knew. Truly the Lord of Hosts has been with us in a fullness and power which we are not yet able to comprehend.

A few Sundays ago, Reverend Pitt said that the workings of the Lord are always preparatory, epochal and cataclysmic. It seems that the prayers of godly students and faculty, of preachers and supporters which have been ascending to heaven for years have all been poured out on us in this precious season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. We can do nothing but stand in awe and marvel at the mighty power of our God.

The revival through which we have been passing is beyond all description. In the first place, it was very short, lasting only thirteen days with twelve evening services. Services were held in the afternoon with but one exception. It was characterized by the lack of any sickly sentimentalism or superficial emotionalism. Those who sought the Lord in the great majority of cases had made up their minds to pay the price and go through to victory. With most, if not all, it was a business proposition—a proposition of forsaking the world and its allurements to walk with God. Prevailing prayer was another feature of this blessed season. On Thursday and Saturday mornings when the pressure seemed the heaviest, and the forces of the evil one were putting up their greatest resistance, groups of students and faculty met with the determination to pray until the assurance of victory should be theirs. On Thursday, especially, the service was one which will long be remembered because of the glad shouts of joy. On Sunday afternoon, also, the presence of the Spirit was exceedingly precious. We might describe this revival in three short phrases: prevailing prayer, expectant trust in the God of battles, victory. PRAISE HIS NAME!

We believe the Lord himself chose the evangelist who should be His instrument in focusing the power which it was His will to direct toward Houghton. Reverend Fairbairn spoke the truth as it is in Christ without fear or favor. He, through the power of the

Spirit, showed people their exact state before God, and a great many who had been drifting, being suddenly brought to a realization of their need, humbled

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## "Puritans in the New World"

Second Lecture by Prof. Hazlett

Monday evening in the chapel Professor Hazlett brought to a large and interested crowd the other half of his stereopticon lecture on "The Pilgrims of the New World." The career of the Pilgrims was discussed from the time they left Delft Haven, Holland. Staunch-hearted and valiant indeed were those Pilgrim fathers of ours as they faced not only the peril of the Indians but also that of cold and hunger. "The story of that first winter is one of unparalleled heroism."

The Puritan spirit which actuated those heroic settlers was stressed throughout the lecture. The same desire for freedom of conscience, which made the Pilgrims leave old England and seek liberty of thought in the New World, is the one which actuated our forefathers as they fought in the various wars of 1776, 1812, 1861, and 1917. "The Puritan spirit is one of progress. It goes to the past only to get seeds for to-morrow's harvest."

The Pilgrims made their influence permanent because they established very firmly the principal of education which even today is inoculated in our own thought. Everywhere they went, they established schools and colleges. In the latter part of the seventeenth century Rev. John Harvard gave his fortune for the founding of that great institution known as Harvard College. Educated men such as ministers and teachers were eagerly welcomed and highly respected.

In conclusion there were mentioned a number of men who, actuated by the same Puritan spirit as that of our Pilgrim fathers, have influenced the world for better and left the impress of their personalities even down to our time. Some of these were Paul, Savanarola, Luther, Milton, and William Garrison. A new view of the Pilgrims and a new understanding of their lives was brought to us. We feel very grateful to Professor Hazlett for giving us light on the subject.

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## Editorial

Dare to be a Daniel,  
Dare to stand alone,  
Dare to have a purpose,  
And dare to make it known.

There was once a young woman who was unable to lift her foot over so small a thing as a straw or a raveling. Nerve connections were broken. Others there are as helpless as she—but for a different reason. In their failure to make use of the faculties with which God has endowed them, they make whole stacks of the straw and blinding blankets of the raveling.

When we think of the stalwart manliness and courage which has characterized great men of the past, our own tottering weakness brings a blush of shame to our cheeks. Picture the great Reformer urged, entreated, pled with, to desist from going to the Diet at Worms. In the strength of his consuming conviction, he cries out, "I'll go to Worms if the devils are as thick as the tiles on the housetops". Again, standing before the assembled power of the Catholic Church, this humble monk, urged to recant, said, "Here I stand, God helping me I can do no other." Remember the words of St. Paul. "What mean ye to weep and break mine heart? For I am ready not to be bound only but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." The words of Peter come with the force of the courage with which they were pronounced. "We

ought to obey God rather than men." Our Puritan forbears braved storm and hunger, separation from all they held dear, and even death for the principle planted within them.

And we stumble at a raveling! God give us men.

IT'S A GREAT LIFE—  
AND YOU NEED NOT WEAKEN.  
—Josephine Rickard.

Praise the Lord I'm free, I'm free  
From all the fetters holding me.  
God has cast out all my sin,  
And Jesus Christ has entered in.

Oh, the blessings of His grace,  
Oh, the sweetness of His face,  
Oh the joy I feel within,  
Since my heart is cleansed from sin.

Though the world may turn aside  
From the One who loved and died,  
In the light I mean to move,  
Beckoned onward by His love,  
Trusting in His proffered grace,  
Content if I but see His face.

## From the Evangelist's Anvil

Jesus never said he'd go along. He said, "Follow Me".

Light is what the Holy Ghost applies to your own heart.

The heart that has not humbled itself is out of the will of God.

To this day no prophet of Baal can ever interpret the message of Jehovah.

The proof of any doctrine is, does it work?

When light comes, it has to be walked in.

If we will pay the price that God's people have always had to pay, we will have just as much blessing as anyone ever had.

The Lord is against anything which is a substitute for His commands.

Gifts are no sign of grace.

The church that is going to be permanently blessed must take a four-square stand on the sin question.

The minute you yield to God you have made a virtual declaration of war on hell, but it may surprise you where the fracas begins.

You never saw a man become more worldly and more holy at the same time.

Pearl Russel, Carmileta Kelley, Donald Schumann, Gladys Grange, Walter McMurtry, and Laura Baker visited the College on Monday. All are former students of Houghton.

George Neal is suffering from a broken leg.

## Many Testify to Saving Grace

Victory! This was the note struck in the student's prayer meeting Tuesday evening. About one hundred forty-eight students witnessed to the saving and keeping power of Jesus Christ. From the light which shone on their faces and the ring of joy in their voices, we know that there is reality in the salvation of our Lord Jesus. Truly we can say with hearts full of gratitude that the Lord has been working wonders in our midst. However, the battle is still on. Let us keep praying that we may move forward. As was said in the prayer meeting, "The weakest Christian can make the devil tremble and it is our business to do so." We must keep the ground already taken and move on to take advance territory. By God's grace we can do so. Praise the Lord for His blessings to us!

## A Convenient Rule

The editor of a newspaper published in central Pennsylvania tells of articles that he frequently receives from a certain citizen. They are always pertinent and worthy of publication, says the Saturday Evening Post, but they are punctuated in a most peculiar way.

Meeting his correspondent one evening at a friend's house, the editor said, "That was an excellent letter I got from you this morning, and I am going to print it Saturday. But tell me, what rule do you follow for punctuation?"

"Why," said the gentleman, "the same rule that I learned when I was a boy. I put a semicolon every twelve words, and two commas between each pair of semicolons."

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**Home Bureau**

Miss Elrey visited the meeting of the Houghton Home Bureau at Mrs. Babbitt's, last Friday. She gave many suggestions which helped the clothing leaders in making the lessons much clearer.

The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Babbitt's, Thursday, March 4. All those who are taking the clothing lessons are asked to be sure to come, and to bring their dress forms.

**The Revival**

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themselves before God and received again the joy of faith. We are unable to state the exact number of those who received either the first or second work of grace, but the number of those who were definitely helped of the Lord was large. In fact, the whole church and school have received a spiritual boost which will never cease to benefit. We

firmly believe that as the result of this revival, Houghton has been saved for holiness. Houghton has entered a new era of spiritual life.

To show the power of the Spirit in this meeting, desperate convictions seized the hearts of those who would not attend the services, bringing some even of such to the feet of Jesus Christ. On the Monday following the close of the services, in a prayer meeting in the High School a number prayed their way through to victory.

For all the great things which the Lord has been doing among us, we can but bow our heads and offer up gratitude, for to Him belongs all the praise. By the grace of God we expect to keep true and reach out for still greater things in His will.

**Morning Greeting**

Glory to God! Another new day  
To live, and to work, and to laugh,  
and to pray.

**Teachers Conference**

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College Department of English spoke on the "Relation of Elementary to Academic English". This subject carried through the same idea of correlation of the work in English as in the other subjects of the curriculum.

The second period was divided into two conferences, one on "Rural and Grades" by Supt. Tuthill and the other on "Academic Mathematics" by Prof. F. Eugene Seymour, Supervisor of Mathematics, from the State Department of Education. Prof. Seymour gave a splendid and very practical discourse on the methods of teaching high school geometry. The poor methods of instruction have made this subject the most difficult and most disliked of the curriculum. The analytic method of presentation to the class is the necessary supplement to the synthetic form of the text book.

The conference throughout proved to be a very profitable occasion to the teachers.

**The Same Old Gospel**

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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Matt. 11:28-30

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**LOCALS**

A "Mooers Party" was held Monday evening in honor of Mr. M. B. Wells who is visiting his family here.

Rev. J. H. Woodhouse visited his son, Gordon, over the week-end.

Mrs. Oren Christy of Barberton has been visiting her son the past week.

Miss Thelma Hill was the guest of Mrs. Fredric Dentler of Allegany, over the week-end. Mrs. Dentler was formerly Winnifred Willover.

Price Stark preached at Centerville Sunday.

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school children. One youngster was  
under weight.

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Nope.

Live on a farm and don't drink milk  
at all?

Nope, we ain't got hardly enough  
milk for the hogs.

## Did You Pray?

Ere you left your room this morning,  
Did you think to pray?  
In the name of Christ our Savior,  
Did you sue for loving favor—as a  
shield today?

When you met with great temptations,  
Did you think to pray?  
By His dying love and merit  
Did you claim the Holy Spirit—as your  
guide and stay?

When your heart was filled with anger  
Did you think to pray?  
Did you plead for grace, my brother,  
That you might forgive another—who  
had crossed your way?

When sore trials came upon you,  
Did you think to pray?  
When your soul was bowed with  
sorrow,  
Balm of Gilead did you borrow—at  
the gates of day?

Oh how prayer rests the weary;  
Prayer will turn the night to day.  
So when life seems dark and dreary,  
Don't forget to PRAY.

## Surprise!

It was about eight-thirty o'clock,  
and Mrs. Bowen was sitting at her  
desk looking over some books that she  
had received as birthday gifts from her  
boys. All of a sudden there were three  
firm knocks at the door. With  
thoughtful mind and steady hands our  
principal unlocked the door, expecting  
to find there a student who needed  
towing out of a Caesar translation.  
Total darkness met her gaze, and then  
an awful noise—"Happy Birthday".  
The high school senior class and facul-  
ty worked a real surprise on Mrs.  
Bowen.

After games and tricks, with  
nymphs, Laughter, and Mirth as enter-  
tainers, had done their best to make us  
happy as great a joy was present in  
the doing away with a delicious lunch.

A desk set was presented to Mrs.  
Bowen by the Seniors and faculty after  
which we all departed a happy crowd,  
and left, we believe, a happy hostess.

## Morning Prayer

Bless me, Father, 'ere this day  
Speeds upon its further way.  
'Ere I meet with toil and sin  
Do thou, Christ, enter in.

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