

Music Department Receives College Credit Public School Course Introduced

During the past year President Luckey has been taking definite steps to gain the recognition of the educational department of the state for the work in music which is being offered in Houghton Seminary.

At the suggestion of Dr. Downing, former State Assistant Commissioner of Higher Education, Mr. Russell Carter, State Supervisor of music, was invited to Houghton to inspect the work now being given in our music department. Professor Carter visited Houghton early in November of this school year. He gave verbal approval to the work now being offered, and tentatively outlined the requirements for the public school music course.

Last week President Luckey, accompanied by Dean Fancher, went to Albany to submit for approval a definitely outlined course of study in public school music to Dr. Dearborn, the chief of the teacher training and certification bureau. Under date of November 23 President Luckey received a communication from Dr. Dearborn stating that the plan outlined for the three year course for preparation of public school music teachers meets the requirements established by the state department of education for candidates for the special music certificate.

Further President Luckey applied to Dr. Sullivan, the present assistant commissioner for higher education, for permission to grant college credit in music. The official communication of Dr. Sullivan in response to this request is as follows: I have given careful consideration to your request that Houghton College be permitted to offer towards an A. B. degree, courses of study in music aggregating not more than 36 semester hours, and that students seeking the A. B. degree be permitted to major in Music. I can see no objection to this procedure and Houghton College therefore has the full approval of this Department to make the necessary changes in its A. B. curriculum.

Next year the Music Department will become one of the regular departments of the College. Students will be allowed to major or minor in Music; or to take elective courses in that department. An exceptionally good student will be able to complete the course in public school music and to receive the A. B. degree with a major in music at the end of four years of college study. Houghton College is one of a very few colleges of Arts in New York State which will offer this combination. It offers this music training at the lowest expense of any college in the State. Professor Baker, head of the vocal department and Miss Hillpot, the head of the music department, both deserve much commendation that the inspection of their work has resulted in this expansion of the music department with full State approval. Another full time teacher will be added to the music faculty next year.

Coming! !

The last Y. M. W. B. program for the year will be given next Sunday evening at 6:45 p. m. in the church. The program is on Japan, and will be illustrated by a Japanese village showing Japanese people in native dress, their homes, different means of conveyance, and numerous other things peculiar to the Japanese. Every one is invited and cordially welcome to attend this program given by the children of the Band.

Day of the Golden Rule

It was in cold December, when, three years ago,

I crossed Armenia in the light of dawn.
Once more the Sunday of Golden Rule

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Houghton Reunion in New York City

The fourth annual reunion of the New York-New Jersey chapter of Houghton Alumni took place on October 30, at a luncheon at the Cedar Tree, Giotto's, 48th street, New York City. Although the number of alumni and former students who attended was not as large as in former years, those present felt that they had spent a most delightful afternoon in hearing of Houghton doings and in renewing old acquaintances. President Luckey was the guest of honor. The others present were: Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Davy, Succanna, N. J.; Rev. and Mrs. George B. Shultz, Budd Lake, N. J.; Miss Mamie Churchill, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse I. Frazier, Ridgefield Park, N. J.; Ray Hazlett, Oyster Bay, Long Island; Harold Luckey, Allentown, Pa.; Doctor Olive and Miss Harriet Meeker, Succanna, N. J.

Mr. Hazlett, suggested that the alumni undertake some plan to establish a memorial to Professor Smith and the suggestion met with decided approval. Officers for the year were elected: Jesse I. Frazier, president; Grace Bedford McCoy, secretary. Plans are already being made to hold the next meeting in April in New York. (Friends of) Alumni or former students who are within reach of the city are urged to send their names and addresses to Mrs. Grace Bedford McCoy, 100 Mountainview Avenue, Nutley New Jersey.

Quench not the Spirit

The promise in Matt. 5:6 "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled, gives us courage to continue praying for a revival, for the desire was expressed by many in the Student's prayer meeting to know more of the righteousness of God. Surely such a spirit cannot help but result in a marvelous outpouring of the Spirit.

Miss Driscoll read the 5th chapter of 1st Thessalonians, but she especially emphasized the 19th verse, "Quench not the Spirit." She related the incident of a keen business man who often received "flashes" or inspirations which enabled him to do his work better if he followed them. Are we as Christians, who have the Holy Spirit to guide us, going to fail to obey his promptings? We should continually be listening for God's messages to us, and the more yielded we are to Him the clearer he can speak to us. Let us seriously consider what we are doing with our telegrams from God. Are we growing in grace through obedience, or are we losing sustaining blessings?

The prayer meeting preceding vacation was in charge of Mr. Tucker. The scripture lesson consisted of verses quoted by many of the students. Heart-felt thanksgiving characterized all the testimonies.

Honor List

Over 65% of the student body of Houghton College managed by diligent effort to have their names attached to the envied "Honor Roll". Strangely enough the class percentage was in its right order—Seniors leading, followed by the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen.

Our brilliant constellation consists of Mr. Ernest Crocker and Mr. Ralph Long, who by excess energy of their grey matter, accumulated an average of 90%, no grade below "B". I guess old Houghton has a right to be proud of her sons.

The next week STAR will be set on our new Linotype.

Vacation at Houghton

Who said we didn't have any fun here on the college hill during vacation? Let me whisper something to you—don't kid yourself.

Of course we enjoyed seeing the rest of you folks off on the Wednesday trains, immensely, for we knew that our little group could go ahead and kick up all the fun we wanted to then.

For Thursday, we had planned our annual bee-line hike, but that plan didn't materialize because—well, we simply ate too much Thanksgiving dinner, that is all. However, some of the boys managed to play a rather swift game at the "Gym" that evening.

Friday was more or less a do-as-you-please day. However, the girls created a little excitement by going down to supper dressed in the most unimaginable togs possible. Merrill changed from a president to a queen, and was accompanied by her little maid, Laura Ames who skipped along behind holding up the queen's long cape. Mildred Turner marched in with two beaus (boys)—don't get excited; they were made of crepe-paper. Pearl Weldon's nose was extremely red. We haven't yet guessed where she got it, though. Grace Sherman and Elsie Shind improved upon themselves to such an extent that they really did look like grey-headed old maids. Grace emptied a can of talcum powder on her head. She says it isn't all out yet. The others succeeded in looking like Indians, gypsies, ten-year-olds, and flappers. Saturday evening nearly every one who stayed in town for vacation gathered at the reception hall for a little frolic, we did manage to keep the chairs right side up most of the time.

Monday, we began to sort out our books and make ourselves think school was actually about to begin again. We hated to see every body coming back again for it signified that fact, down deep in our hearts we really were glad to see your faces once again and to extend a hand of welcome.

Vacation Basketball

A Thanksgiving vacation without a basketball game or two is a vacation wasted, so assert those few who are privileged to remain in Houghton during the first vacation of the school year. Thus it was arranged that despite the inevitably stuffed condition of the players on this day of feast there should be a game between the fellows from the valley and those from the hill.

The game was scheduled for a late hour to allow all possible recuperation on the part of each voracious individual as "Cy" Steese, "Stan" Miller, VanWormer and others who would equal these ever hungry mortals. A little before nine the game began. The Steese brothers were at the forward positions for the Hill Gang, Donahue and Austin at guard and VanWormer at center. For the Valley, "Stan" Miller and Mel Slater were at forward, "Skeetz" Roth at center, with Dyer and "Bunny" Fero casting anxious eyes on the more or less unlimited activities of "Pete" and "Cy" Steese.

The first half of the game was close, with the Valley having a shade the better of the encounter. However the Hill was improving more rapidly with age and in the last half forged ahead to win rather easily. The morale of the Valley seemed to ebb swiftly as the game progressed, due no doubt to many causes the most important of which was "Cy's" uncanny eye for the basket.

The game was accepted as proof that mountain air is best for the development of basketball players; at any rate "Pete" says that the wholesome mountain atmosphere gave him his start and we must all admit that "Pete's" start was a fine one.

Monday evening another game was scheduled between resident and non-resident fellows. However when the time came, there

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Rev. J. R. Pitt

W. M. Church Announcements

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Class Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Morning Preaching Service	11:30 a.m.
Y. M. W. B.	6:45 p.m.
Evening Preaching Service	7:30 p.m.
Thursday Evening Prayer Service	7:30 p.m.

The Book of Acts is being discussed at the Thursday Prayer Service

"Master of Sentences"

Rev. Pitt Suggests Deep Truths in Recent Sermons.

If Peter Lombard of Scholastic fame was rightfully called the "Master of Sentences," we believe a like appellation might be given to our pastor, Rev. Pitt. Following are a few of his aphorisms which we would do well to think about:

"The final proof of deity is in the redemption of our souls from the guilt of sin."

"The church of Jesus Christ cannot be united with any other institution on earth."

"Spirituality consists in giving heed continually to what the Holy Spirit would show us of the things of God."

"The Victorious life means: Every time my life touches that of my fellow man, my contact with that individual is unto God a savor of Christ Jesus. I may touch many who turn into darkness, but God will take account that my life has been unto them a savor of death unto death."

"True prayer is the expressing of throbbing, longing, infinite love."

"A saint prays out of divine love and in the will of God or he doesn't pray at all."

The announcement of the theme "The Greatest Force for Evil and the Greatest Force for Good in our Community," attracted a good congregation last Sunday morning, even though the students were absent for their Thanksgiving vacation. Rev. Pitt said that the greatest force for evil in our community, and in every community is uncontrolled utterance. By this he meant either the word of mouth or the production of the press, which are not directed by divine love. Rev. Pitt raised the question: How much of what we hear in our common speech is under the control of Divine love, or how much of what we read, even though it may be ostensibly concerned with matters of religion? He said, "We have hosts of people all over the country who are rising up to tell us about God's Word, who were never authorized by God. They took the job. The only teachers that heaven ever authorized were men filled with the Holy Ghost." Bringing the matter a little closer home, the question of personal responsibility was raised. It was answered from the Bible: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." "Speak evil of no man." How can we be sure that we will speak evil of no man? Rev. Pitt answered, "Love your neighbor, and you won't"

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Keep Thy Heart

"Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23. The heart has long been recognized as the seat of affection and hence, the affection. What other than this affection governs our actions, our thoughts, and our lives? Stop to think a moment! Does not what you love determine what you are? Love, or affection, is the motivating and energizing power of life, for by it the character is built up or torn down.

Since God's Word is true, how great is the importance of obeying the command, "Keep thy 'affection' with all diligence." The young people of today come far from apprehending, say nothing about heeding, this admonition. The loose trifling manner in which love for the opposite sex is regarded, is abhorring and appalling. Young folks play so much with their affections that they soon have no deep seated ones. In fact, they lose entirely the power to discriminate and the ability to appreciate that pure, unadulterated love so clearly taught by God. They know not whom they love or how to love; they have no ideal beyond a pretty face, an enticing manner, and a fashionable garb.

To ruin one's affection thus is to destroy that firm, staple character which a well guarded and unpolluted affection alone can give. Oh, how pitiful it is to see the young people mistake the strongest controlling force on earth, that God-given bond, for some sentimental, passionate, outward expressions. No wonder there are so many unhappy lives and homes.

Think you that the only effect of trifling with affections is the immediate ruining of one's appreciation of one another, and destroying the capacity for true love? No, sad to say, the affection is the heart and consequently, every part of the life is influenced thereby. Laxity in morals, carelessness in deportment, irreverence for the sacred, and many such results may be directly traced to the evil of misusing the greatest treasure with which the Creator has endowed us.

Because the nature of the source determines the stream, it behooves us to keep our hearts diligently; but how can red-blooded, socially-inclined youth keep his heart thus when he is surrounded by everything conducive to his detriment? Just one remedy is offered, and that is the Blood of Jesus. He who formed us can purge and purify the heart, and then every issue of life will be pure.

High School Faculty Render Thanksgiving Program

Our faculty revealed quite a bit of talent along the line of entertaining at the last Neosoph' meeting. Perhaps we have been so busy entertaining them and they so busy trying to instruct and direct us along the rough road of education that we have given them no chance before to exercise these talents. The hour was not only an enjoyable one, but also a profitable one, and the program rendered one of high literary merit we assure you, for were not the faculty in charge? Prof. Baker acted as pianist throughout the evening, and no other than our study hall attendant, Mother Hubbard, led us in the exercise of our vocal chords while we sang appropriate Thanksgiving hymns.

Devotionals were led by Mrs. Bowen and following this Miss Gillette gave us an interesting talk and history of the holiday. Miss Rork read several timely poems that brought vivid pictures to our minds of past Thanksgiving days. Prof. Baker favored us with a delightful piano solo but no amount of industrious cheering would produce an encore. Mrs. Lang climaxed the program by reading an original Thanksgiving story that would be difficult to equal according to our way of thinking. Donald Ferguson was critic of the evening and tried to express a little of our appreciation for the evening's program in his critic's report. We 'Neosophs' each had at least one thing for which to be thankful over vacation,—our faculty. Three rousing cheers for the faculty!

Sparks From a Joke-smith's Anvil

Ohio Columbus
October de twiced

Dear old fathead.

As I have notting to do and wish to do it I tout I wood took my pen andt bottle of ink in my handt and tiperite you a few ledders. Blease excuse dis led pensil.

We are all well ad bresent except my brudder. He was kicked in the suburbs last night by a mule. The mule is not expected to live.

Your rich anty who diedt from patpitations of de heart when you was here is still dead andt doing nieely. Hope dis will find you de same. After she diedt dey found fifteen tousand dollars sode up in an ode bussel dat she left behindt so you are no longer a pore man but a Dutchman.

Your brudder Will went to work dis morning. De job will last about six months but he might get oudt sooner on good behavior.

Business has been dull since you left. Your wife was took to de insanity asylum yesterday she was crazy to see you.

I saw your liddle boy dis morning for de first time. I think he will look like you but he is all right odderwise so I wood not worry aboutt dat if I was you.

I am sending you by Adams Express your overcoat, and as day charge so much a poundt to send it, I cut off de burtons. Hoping dis will prove satisfaction. You will find de buttons in be inside pocket.

I almost forgot to tell you I got married last week. I got a pretty goot wife. She is from Fillmore; but I think I cood have got a better one at Houghton as dey have a larger stock to select from.

As dis is all I got to say, I will close my face andt expect you to do de same. Hoping dis will reach you before you get it, and dat you will answer before dat, I remain your seecmb to de last kousin.

Otto Mobile

P. S. In case you do nodt get dis ledder write me and let me know and I will sendt it to you ad onced.

Too True

An apple a day will keep the doctor away. Yes. But an onion a day will keep everybody away.

Why He Was Pleased

Storekeeper "Yes I'm tickled to death about the early closins law".

Customer "Eh, what?"

Storekeeper "Sure! It's good for my business. A lot of the other storekeepers will obey the law".

Diner "Waiter, do you call this oyster soup? The oyster in it isn't big enough to flavor it."

Waiter "It wasn't put in to flavor it, sir, it's just supposed to christen it".

Mother "I'm glad that you enjoy your domestic science lessons, my dear. I suppose the school has all the necessary accessories".

Modern Daughter "Well, they might give us a few husbands to practice on".

An English motorist, seeing a stout young woman pedestrian mounting a steep incline offered her a lift. When she got out she said, "Thank you so much. It was very kind of you to give me a ride to the top of the hill".

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Day of the Golden Rule

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Is being celebrated in the world,
That those with much may give to those in need.

I go with others to the dining hall
I look down every aisle: row after row
Of little girls, of little steaming bowls,
Gazing intently at a tall, thin man
Who turns and walks toward the table there.
"The bread piled here is yours, for you to eat
If you so wish. But - out beyond the gate
There lies a town where 5000 children roam
Like little wolves, slinking from door to door
Lying in gutters when they grow too tired
To prowl much farther in their search for food.

But here tonight you have your supper spread,
All this is yours. We'll pass it now,
If you so wish" - Those children understand!
They cheer, they yell, they laugh, they leave their seats,
They beg the man with little outstretched hands

To take their bread away and give it out
To other children hungrier than they.
From a poem by P. H. Brown
Probably we all know what the International Golden Rule Sunday is. It was started years ago by the Near East Relief. On this Sunday Dec. 5 they desire that people have a simple meal and give what they save to this worthy cause.

America is making history at the World's cross-roads, where Asia, Africa, and Europe meet. She has saved more than a million men, women and children in the Near East. This was a great demonstration of brotherhood. Among the lives saved were 132,532 orphaned children. The fact that America has continued her aid has deeply impressed the people of the near East. They see in this program a demonstration of the Golden Rule.

We owe much to the Near East. Architecture, sculpture, and philosophy acknowledge their debt to ancient Greece. From here has come our most exalted conception of God and above all our plan of salvation through Jesus Christ.

This is truly a worthy cause. Sickly and half-starved children have been brought to vigorous health. Could not we, Houghtonites and friends of Houghton, do more for these little ones? Many children are now being cared for, but still there are thousands "roaming like little wolves and lying in gutters when they grow too tired to prowl much farther in their search for food".

Imitation of Chaucer

A man ther was of our Empire State
That un-to likors ne-er did batte;
But on his table did place beer and lyght wyne,
Then sat him down to rede the Evening Times.
He thot a litel wyn good for the stomach's sake,
Eveu tho one mighte become as lene as a rake.

The ballots came in thick and faste,
And he became governor at laste.
When of foule beer you get a whiffe,
It will remind you of "Al" Smithe.

Erma Anderson

A clerk ther was in Hoten Colege,
Who loved to cram his hed with knoleg.
In Sophomore English they tel me thus-a
He never got below A plus-a;
In other subjects, so they say-a
He always got at least an A-a
In hiking, tennis, or basket bal-a
He never took eny heed at all-a.
Now, pray telle me, what I'd like to wist-a
Whenever did swich digne clerk exisita.

Sara B. Gelser

Upon being asked whether she pronounced her name 'Beety' or 'Be-aty', Pauline responded, "I don't know, I'm not particular."

We wonder, after such a broad statement as this, if we could not infer that Miss Beaty would not object very strenuously to changing her name.

Anna Houghton Daughters
Christmas Party

The Anna Houghton Daughters and their families are planning a Christmas party at the gymnasium the evening of Dec. 11th. Each one who comes is asked to bring a ten cent gift for the tree, and the members are requested to bring home-made candy. This social affair will take the place of the regular meeting Dec. 3rd.

Are We Ready

On Tuesday, November 30, Houghton was honored by having one of her alumni, Rev. McKinley of Batavia, present. He has been holding revival services at the Fillmore Wesleyan church for a week.

Not only did Rev. McKinley favor us with his presence, but he also gave us a message the truth of which every one will do well to heed. Using St. Paul's message to the Thessalonians as a foundation, he clearly proved that "the day of the Lord" or the second coming of Christ, is near at hand. Prophecy states that there shall be "wars and rumors of wars," famines, pestilences, and earthquakes at the last times. Hence the great war with its great pestilence of influenza, the Russian famine, and the Japanese and Chinese earthquakes, which have occurred within the last ten years and are the greatest of their kind in history, are proofs of His speedy return. The crime wave and the rise of the Holiness Movement are also fulfillments of prophecy. In view of these facts every servant of God should not only "keep himself unspotted from the world", but also do his utmost in the service of Christ.

Vacation Basketball

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seemed to be a lack of available players. Thus it was necessary to await the arrival of the "Hoodle Bug," whether to bring in a fresh cargo of players or a new source of inspiration to those already in town, the writer is in doubt. All those interested in this matter may gain authentic advice from Mr. Dyer, it is understood.

After much delay the game began. From the first it was evident that the local talent was doomed. Sensational shots by "Curley" Lane in the first half spelled ruin for the local boys. Roth playing at center for the latter, starred with his floor work. He continually carried the ball down the floor but was unsuccessful in many of his attempts to score. Lane starred for the non-resident team with his fast floor-work and clever shooting. Miller also made some fine shots to help nearly double the score against the resident team.

"Master of Sentences"

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speak evil." "Omnipotence alone will save you."

The greatest force for good, according to Rev. Pitt, is prayer. It is believing prayer which is efficacious. A man can pray such a prayer when he gets to the place where his opinion of himself coincides with what God knows he is. The starting place for real prayer is the love of God.

On Sunday evening, Repentance was the theme. Some unusual thoughts were presented. One cannot repent whenever he wishes to, no more than a tobacco addict can give up his habit whenever he desires. Repentance is the gift of God, to be found through application, and the possibility of repentance may become uncertain, or even absolutely impossible, as witnessed by Isaiah, chapter six. If a person repents and then in six weeks falls away from grace, he never repented, for repentance is the changing of the mind.

Rev. Pitt is directing his messages toward the reviving of the work of God in Houghton. He expressed his vehement desire that people might be saved and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the services. Let us labor together in prayer to this end.

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