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Annual Junior-Senior Banquet

The evening of May ninth will be long remembered by the Juniors, Seniors and Faculty of the High School. For that evening was the occasion of the annual Junior-Senior banquet. The Juniors were the hosts for the evening and they used wonderful foresight in providing for the comfort and pleasure of their guests.

The first part of the evening was spent in the Vocal Studio, which was decorated in the Junior colors. Here the Seniors were permitted to see themselves as they looked in days of infancy, after which a very pleasing program was rendered.

From the studio the company adjourned to the dining room in the Laddie's Hall. This was tastefully decorated in maroon and white, the chosen colors of the Senior class. A sumptuous four course banquet was served. The last course followed the color scheme, as it was entirely in the Senior colors.

After the banquet a number of well chosen and thoughtfully prepared toasts were given.

About midnight, the company dispersed all feeling they had spent a pleasant time and voting the Junior class royal entertainers.

Another fault in our educational system is that some girls must try several colleges before getting a husband.

Houghtonites Get Together in New York City.

Through a number of coincidences of chance meetings of former Houghton Students in New York City and the desire of Ethel Kelly Paulson, to get together all that may be in the big city, for a pleasant evening together. Mrs. Paulson, with the help of some of the others was able to get in touch with the following and invited them to dinner on Monday evening May 5 Mr. Jessie Frazier and wife, Ethel Kent Frazier; Carrol Daniels and wife, Leona Lilly; and Elmer S. Davidson. The following could not be present: Robert

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EXCITING ELECTION

On Monday evening, May 19, at 7:00 p. m. a joint meeting of the literary societies will elect the officers of the U. L. A. and the chief members of the STAR Staff for the coming year. Although the nominating committee, composed of Professor LeRoy Fancher, Mary Steves, Agnes Lapham, Clyde Meredith, and Ernest Crocker, has made its report, other nominations are expected. Since a great deal of importance rests upon the election of the STAR officials, the outcome will be interesting.

The committee has posted the following report of nominations:

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Purple Ranks Shattered

It will be remembered that prior to the basket-ball series there was much anxiety manifested among the students concerning the qualifications of certain athletes to enter the lists. The anxiety concerning the track meet, however, contrary to that about basket-ball, has proven to be well grounded. It is practically sure that Paul Steese, crack pole vaulter and distance runner and Keith Farner, record holding miler and all around track man, will not be able to represent the Purple in their respective lines of sport this year. The Purple side is therefore weakened and a great veil seems to have been drawn together, blotting out their glowing hopes. The Gold chances are undoubtedly strengthened; but, if fortune should smile on them, victor will mean much less to the Gold competitors under such circumstances.

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"Theologs" To Have Outing

Having faith that the sunshine will come back by Saturday, the Theological department is planning a hike for that afternoon. While they are not putting time and money into a banquet this year, they are going to have a happy, healthy hike. Caneadea Gorge is an ideal place for a little recreation. This is a walking trip, and free, but the supper is not a free lunch. If you expect to eat, get your ticket at once from Miss Steves.

Coming Next Year

Lecture Course Numbers Secured

The prospective lecture course for next year is one which will arouse much enthusiasm. The committee departing from the custom of previous years, plan to secure two concert companies instead of one. The Swanee River Male Quartette which will open the season is a negro company which comes to us highly recommended, while the Westminster Male Quartette which will appear later in the year is a talented group of young men coming from Boston.

One of the biggest attractions will be the celebrated cartoonist, Pitt Parker, whose picture lectures are everywhere enthusiastically heralded.

The lecture numbers of the course will be given by C. Oliver Moore and Lincoln Caswell. Moore is well known for the active part he has taken in the prohibition work in New York State, while Caswell delights his audiences by not only interpreting Lincoln but really becoming Lincoln for the evening.

The students who have been at Houghton several years will hail with delight the announcement that Dr. Southwick, reader and lecturer, who was here two years ago, will be with us again next year.

The lecture course committee are very happy to be able to present such a strong course, and feel sure that the students will be well pleased with the talent which will appear on our platform next year.

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Weekly Food for Thought

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. Matthew 12:34-36.

Editorial

The bobbed hair craze has hit Houghton, the same as it has hurled itself upon all other cities, towns, and villages in the United States, and set the locks to falling from an average of two thousand heads per day. Taking into account the amount of censure that bobbed hair has received in Houghton for the past few weeks, it seems only sportsmanlike that someone should take up the gauntlet, if only in a feeble defense of those so called poor, poor, girls and others, who have had the audacity to shear off a few inches of their tresses in the interests of neatness, cleanliness, and the saving of time and money. In doing so they have placed its real length in full pub-

licity rather than piling it up somewhat in the shape of an inflated balloon in an endeavor to bamboozle the public into believing that it extends to the knees rather than only to the shoulders.

Those individuals who are so opposed to bobbed hair seem to have an unlimited amount of their own opinion but little proof for their contentions.

First, they hold that the exponents of short hair are not using their individuality that they are following a fad, that they are cutting off their tresses because someone else did. But why not? Who of us does not do the same? Last summer someone started to wear brushed wool jackets and in a short time everyone had to have a brushed wool jacket. Did we censure anyone for purchasing a brushed wool sweater? Most assuredly no!

In the second place, is the conservative's endeavor to quote some vague, half-finished reference from the Bible. They proceed something like this, "But don't the Bible say something about bobbed hair, I don't know just how it goes, but it's something about a woman's hair being her crown of glory, or words to that effect." So we find the same fault with this contention as can be found with a great number of those who quote from the Bible. They use about one half of the text and always forget to connect it up with the one following. The length of a woman's hair is spoken of only once in the Bible and that reference is in Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians, 11th chapter; verses 14, 15, 16 and it reads thus, "Doth not even nature itself teach you that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him." It is a fact that nature bestows upon woman longer hair than she does upon man and it is also a shame for man to affect it. Paul continues in the fifteenth verse, "But if a woman have long hair it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." Here the reader usually draws his conclusions immediately without further reading and indeed much might here be said. However, we will pass over the fact that the first clause is a condition and not a command, while immediately afterward Paul drops into the even more material utterance that "her hair is given her for a covering", which may or may not be as true of

bobbed hair as of any other, and which takes into account all rabid talkers and exponents of both sides of the question. It reads, "But if any man shall be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God." The amount of time that Paul has spent on hair and veils, seems to indicate that they had occasioned some contention in the church at Corinth. However he seemed to turn it off, at the last, as a rather minor detail. If any person becomes contentious upon either side of the question of veils or of long or short hair for men or women, Paul wishes it distinctly understood that, "We have no such custom," either one way or the other nor, as Clark says, "Are they sanctioned by the churches of God".

All in all, the whole question is a personal one. It should be entirely at the discretion of the one most concerned. We do not condemn a man because he does not wear that one last embellishment of mankind—the necktie. If a man cannot conscientiously enter into athletic activities, do we condemn him? No! A girl's bobbed hair is entirely a matter of her own personal choice, and no one except herself has any right or privilege to judge concerning it, or to censure her for having it cut.

Athenian Society

After assuming the role of the "Court of Allegany" for three programs, the society resumed its regular meetings on Monday evening. The present status of Russia was discussed at some length. Next week a joint meeting of both societies will do business as related elsewhere in these columns.

Neosophic Society

The Current Event program on May 12 was very much enjoyed. The following took part on the program: In Germany, Agnes Lapham; In France, Grace McIvor, In United States, Vila Ackerman; On the Campus, Virgil Hussey. The subject of the program for next week is "Hymnology". A good attendance is expected.

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Details of Missionary Wedding

Married—At noon, March 18, 1924, in the Wesleyan Methodist Connection chapel at Sanjan, Thana Dist., India, Rev. Floyd E. Banker and Miss Hazel G. Rogers, by Rev. C. B. Harvey, assisted by Rev. Walter C. Morris.

The above announcement may be very commonplace to the multitude, but to the immediate parties it was an epoch-making event. To the rest of us on the India field it was of great interest, as also to a wide circle of friends at home, and all who are interested in the mission work. Sister Doty played the wedding march. Brother Doty could not be present, owing to his having to take his second Gujarati examination at that time. Arthur and Ethel were present, Brother and Sister Morris and the children and Sister Pitts.

We received a wire from Karachi that Brother Banker would reach Bombay on Monday, the 17th. This was wel-

come news to us all after a wait of six months, and especially to Sister Hazel. We went to Bombay on Saturday evening, so as not to travel on Sunday.

The next day at noon we boarded a launch, for Brother Floyu's boat did not come to dock but stood out in the harbor, and were soon on board the steamer. It took two hours to transfer the baggage to the launch and then ashore and it was about four before we were through the customs. After some time spent in shopping and dinner at the Missionary home, the train for Sanjan was boarded at 9:40 P. M.; reaching Sanjan at 2:30 A. M. Even at this early hour a good delegation were at the station to welcome our brother to India. To bed for two hours sleep at 4:00 A. M.; then everybody was getting busy for the wedding. Sister Doty and the children came on the ten o'clock train and the wedding was at noon as noted above. The decoration was very pretty. They stood under an arch that had been arranged by Sister Pitts, and all the boys' school and Indian people in the station were present.

Brother Floyd and Hazel went by bullock cart to Dandi-on-the-sea that afternoon and with Brother and Sister Morris and children, I boarded the afternoon train to go to Bombay to see them off.

Just nine days after being hit by mosquitoes Brother Floyd had a fever of 103 degrees, but a liberal dose of a certain "brown bottle," (a mixture of herbs for the liver and malaria) that Brother McCarty knows about, with plenty of quinine, was so effective that the fever never came up again. The bride and groom, with Sister Pitts, left for the hills the 1st of April.

(Cutting from a letter to the Wesleyan Methodist by Brother C. B. Harvey)

Dorothy Bennett visited Hermon Cronk and family over the week-end.

Reuben Higbee was home from Nunda, where he is working, Sunday.

John Mann is the father of a newly born son who arrived Sunday, May 11th.

George Whitaker of Marion, Ind., visited his father, Rev. C. B. Whitaker, over the week-end.

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Y. M. W. B. Meeting

The last regular Y. M. W. B. meeting of the school year was held in the college chapel, Tuesday evening, May 13th. After a few brief preliminaries Rev. George Clarke delivered a splendid message. He informed us at the beginning that it was not his purpose nor his desire to entertain us. He had something on his heart which he wished to put across to the young men especially.

He told us of one village where he spoke the gospel to the people for the first time. Before they would permit him and his company to depart he had to repeat the gospel story four times. Brother Clarke also reminded us that from that time to this, at least to his knowledge, no messenger has ever returned with the glad tidings. I am sure that the appeal came strongly to some of our hearts. Brother Clarke employed most of his efforts in making clear to the young men that missionary work is not a women's job only, but that it is capable of calling forth the best powers of the most able young men.

Brother Clarke was well able to bring his message because he knew from personal experience whereof he spoke, having gone to the field first in 1893 and having spent five terms there.

Purple Ranks Shattered

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At the present time, George Morse is the Purple's best bet.

Weather conditions have been such for the past few days that efficient practice has been impossible. The athletes are faithfully enduring, however, and are determined that the track meet shall be as interesting as possible although they cannot hope to make it what it has been in the past. The weather is not only hindering Houghton but other schools as well. The Alfred track meet was held in a drizzling rain last Wednesday.

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Mr. Scouten of Olean is visiting his daughter Mrs. Eyler and family.

Vivian Saunders of Portageville N. Y. is visiting Mrs. P. S. Bowen.

M. C. Cronk and family made an auto trip to Elmira, N. Y. Tuesday.

The construction work on Prof. Woolsey's home is progressing very rapidly.

Rev. Arthur B. Northrup of Appleton, N. Y., visited in Houghton a few hours, Tuesday.

Word received from John Hester states that he leaves Montreal, May 17 for Liverpool England.

Rev. C. B. Whitaker, together with his son, George, visited his son Ernest in Ithaca over the week-end.

Mrs. L. V. Cronk, an old resident of this place, was brought here for burial Saturday. Her death occurred at the home of her daughter Mrs. Ralph Davy at Succasunna, N. J. Mrs. Ralph Davy, and Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Cronk of Binghamton accompanied the body here. The funeral

was held in the church, of which she was a member, Sunday afternoon, Rev. Pitt having charge. The interment took place at Pine Grove cemetery at Fillmore.

Small Crowd Hear Harmonizers at Machias

Due to a lack of advertising and general publicity the concert given by our harmonizing Harmonizers at Machias last Saturday evening, was attended by a very small crowd. The date was contracted for only four days before the concert was given, and consequently the time available for advertising purposes was very short, so short in fact that not even all the people in the village were informed of the Harmonizers appearance, not to mention the surrounding villages and countryside.

Despite the lack of a crowded auditorium, the orchestra and double male quartet, although tired from a sixty mile ride, easily rendered the best recital since their organization. Every man seemed to be at his best and every number proceeded without a hitch.

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S. Chamberlain, Harriet E. Meeker, and Bonniejean Frazier.

Mrs. Paulson arranged to entertain us at dinner at The Ideal, just off of Columbia University Campus, and ideal it proved to be as we were gathered around the rose bedecked table and partook of a splendid meal, lingering long in discussion of the happy days spent in Houghton. As we left the table each one was presented with a most beautiful rose from the table decorations. We then strolled over to Union Theological Seminary and were piloted through by Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, Mr. Daniels being a student there. As it was a beautiful night, we then wended our way over to one of the parapets overlooking Morningside Park and the city below, and as we sat and talked of Houghton, once more we felt as if we were in dear old Houghton sitting on the edge of the campus looking down at the town below and watching the couples as they came strolling up Lover's Lane.

We decided there should be some effort made to gather together all former Houghton students in and around New York City at least once a year and have someone to look them up. Mrs. Paulson and Miss Lilly have both been attending Columbia all year and living within a stone's throw of one another and neither knew of the whereabouts of the other. At the same time Carrol Daniels has been attending Union Seminary which is just across the street from Columbia and did not know of the presence of the others.

As the writer is permanently located in New York City, it was thought the most logical thing for him to be the clearing house, so any Houghtonite who reads these lines and lives in or near New York City or knows of any such person, please send me their name and address. Also any Houghtonite contemplating coming to New York City or knowing of any such, I would be glad to receive their name and address.

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