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Classes Have Outings

Senior Breakfast

Friday, Oct. 1, 4:00 a. m. Whizz-bang-whizz-z-z! Alarm clocks began to arouse certain sleepy students.

4:10 a. m. Honk! honk! honk! Paul Steese and Gerald Scott made the rounds of the town and sounded their auto horn at various houses and dorms.

4:30 a. m. Shadowy figures began to gather in front of Ladies' Hall.

5:00 a. m. The College Seniors together with the honorary members, Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. Meredith, and Miss June Meredith were assembled around a fire in the ravine on the Tucker farm.

The first College class affair was thoroughly enjoyed by each member. The fire was a matter of interest when it was discovered that two boys of the class had kindled it at eleven o'clock the night before and had spent the next few hours beside it. The breakfast progressed as most out-of-door breakfasts have a way of doing. Coffee, roasted potatoes, and weiners were disposed of in short order. At seven o'clock the party returned to town and drove around the campus until breakfast was under way at the dorm. Then they marched through the dining room singing and before leaving gave a few yells. From there they proceeded to President Luckey's home and gave him a rousing cheer. Then all disbanded feeling that the morning was one to be pleasantly remembered.

Freshmen Make Merry

Thirty-five of the Freshmen attended the corroboree of last Friday night. Their class spirit and enthusiasm was worthy of a senior class although this was the first time they had been together as a class since they were organized.

If you never heard of a party where the "chaps" were the life and fun of it all, just ask any Frosh about Miss Burnell and Miss Rothermel. Their game and wit furnished fun for the whole evening.

After it was too dark to play games any longer, the "eats" were in order. Out-doors, around a big campfire, the

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Reflections

—F. H. Wright—

When one falls to musing, naturally enough "the fire burns". Perhaps, on the same ground, one may be pardoned for allowing his thoughts to center about those groups that are of peculiar interest to him. The pastor thinks about his church, the business man about his business, the swain about that beautiful creature made from all eternity to be loved by him. But tonight I am thinking of you, all of you who constitute that body that is at once the object of our pride and our anxiety, the Student Body of Houghton College. We watch you come filing into chapel, take your places in the proper row and listen to all that is said. We look into your faces in the class-rooms and really try to give you such help as you need or will need. And after a brief period of time, we bid you goodbye and God-speed. And why all of this?

Well, you are worth it. Of course you bother us some but we expect that. In fact, we rather enjoy wholesome intrusions. Sometimes you are mischievous but "with all your faults we love you still". Neither you nor I have

developed wings. Your cogitations are refreshing indeed. Those freshmen themes have exhibited a brilliancy of thought that would do credit to a sophomore. Did you ever try to measure your ability? Henry Ford and an army of engineers and workmen have been laboring for nearly twenty years to produce the 1926 Tudor sedan. It is without doubt the most car for its weight and first cost, on the market today. And I can run it with comparative ease. And so could any of you. We are all wonderful.

Dr. James says, "In all ages the man whose determinations are swayed by reference to the most ends has been held to possess the highest intelligence". How can animadversion possess our minds tonight? Some day you will be solving the problems that have baffled other minds. You will become wiser and more saintly. You will bless the world in the tomorrows ahead. And we shall rejoice in your achievements as we now rejoice in the successes of the alumni who once were just like you, no better and no worse.

The Joys of a Bookseller

Quite a number of salesman and saleswomen are unwilling to allow the subject of Bookselling to pass without at least mentioning the other side. Not a few really enjoyed the work. There is a certain satisfaction that comes to those who "stick it out".

Before drawing any hasty conclusion about bookselling let us consider it fairly. As many great men have used this method to work their way up, it behooves us to think twice before we belittle its merits. It has been said that, "the workman elevates or lowers the task".

Not everyone gives the salesman a cold reception, for many can relate incidents of kind, warm-hearted welcome. Many customers have said, "I am glad you called. You have the book for which I have been looking," or "You certainly are selling good books." Surely, it is gratifying to know that many appreciate and enjoy the books presented.

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Purple and Gold Baseball Teams Clash Today

First Purple and Gold Contest Since Basketball Series of '25 and '26

The Purple and Gold nines meet in battle this afternoon, weather permitting for the opening of the first baseball series since two years ago. Never in the history of the Purple and Gold baseball classic has there been conditions as favorable in general for an exciting and evenly-matched contest as in the series to begin today. The hope of Houghton's baseball enthusiasts has at last been realized in that there is ready for use, the best diamond Houghton has ever possessed, one reason why the series to begin today will be the best ever played.

Reports from close observers state that the players are undoubtedly every bit as much "on edge" as were the St. Louis Cardinals on the eve of their first world series battle. Perhaps our local teams will not equal in perfection the New York Yankee's errorless com-

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The Christian Workers' Activities

This school year has opened with bright prospects for the extension work. The first service of the Gospel Team was held in the Friendship Baptist Church, Sept. 26. The large attentive audience seemed to appreciate every part of the program. The special musical numbers were an organ prelude and offertory by Alfred Kreckman, a selection by the Ladies' Quartet, and a duet by the Roth sisters. Every student in the group gave a testimony telling what the Lord had done for him. The two speakers, Paul Steese and Hazel Sartwell, each brought a message which portrayed God's love for humanity in giving His son to die for them. The songs, truth that Christianity is not sad and gloomy, but full of joy and peace and happiness because the Christ is with each of His followers.

The second service was held in the Andover Baptist Church, Oct. 3. Here the Lord more than met the expectations of the group by bringing out a goodly number of listeners. The audience showed their appreciation by singing heartily on the opening songs conducted by Mr. Van Wormer. A newly organized mixed quartet whose members are Ruth Williams, Alfred Kreckman, Leona Verbridge, and Wilfred Bain, sang two selections. The speakers, Blanche Gearheart and Robert Stark brought inspiring messages. Miss Gearheart, who has just come to Houghton this fall, is, we hope only one of many of the new students who are interested in this Christian Work.

These services are merely the beginning of what we expect the Lord to do for us this year. We intend to go to Belmont next Sunday, and to Hornell in the near future.

The Sunday School work as well as the evangelistic is in progress, for the Fox Hill School was continued all summer. Besides, the possibilities for the future are good.

Don't forget to pray for the extension work of Houghton. It is only through prayer that anything can be accomplished in the Lord's work.

Howard Bain and Virgil Hussey spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Hussey of Falconer, N. Y.

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Editorial

Let's Be On Time

This tribute was paid to S. B. Capen when he died: "He was unfailingly prompt. He lost much time during his busy life of activity waiting for others, but other members of his boards and committees never lost time waiting for him. It was part of his religious creed to be on time. This promptness was contagious among those who associated with him. The same habit of promptness made him an ideal presiding officer. He was equally prompt with reference to his addresses. No one ever knew of his robbing his successors of their time on a program." This is a tribute worth while.

Promptness is a virtue of organized and regulated life. It is not only a good personal virtue, representing a conscientious valuation of life; it is an obligation to others. Organized life calls for co-operation, and co-operation means common action. The whole mechanism of civilized life hangs on the prompt observation of time. The man who keeps five other people waiting ten minutes, ought to stop and reflect that it cost the other people fifty minutes to wait for him.

Promptness and tardiness soon become habits with people. Some are always late. One man used to tell of an individual who had three hands—a right hand, a left hand, and a little behindhand. There are other men also who have three hands, but one of them is different—a right hand, a left hand,

and a little beforehand. As a rule these hands grow on in youth.

Promptness is not merely a matter of watching the clock. Decision, vigor, positiveness, and courage of character are all relatives of the habit of promptness. The only way never to be late is always to be on time. The only man who is not guilty of stealing another's time is the man who never made another wait for him.

Simply Confessions

Many will remember the night this week when the lights went out. It was Tuesday to be exact. Most of the girls at the dorm will remember singing on the porch, and a select few, chaperoned by three members of the faculty will remember a lot more.

We had as a guest, one whom the old students know as Sigrid, and they who attended her surprise party will be the ones who do the remembering. Those present besides the guest of honor were, Miss Grange, Miss Hillpot, Miss Davison, Helen Douglass, Verna Crouch, Viola Roth, Luella Roth, Ivah Benning, Merrill Linquest, Hazel Sartwell, Goldie Davidson, Grace Sherman Margaret Williams, Elsie Chind, and Ruth Burleigh.

Since that chapel awhile ago when a scene in the girls dorm was disclosed, you can imagine to some extent the chatter of sixteen girls. This time, however, they didn't "make matches." We include them all as girls, since all present possessed the feminine characteristic of a ready tongue. That night there were confessions from many and nearly all of them were about some trick they had played on someone else. The Dean and the Matron were not exempt, and for that reason we love them more for we know now that they like to have a bit of fun once in awhile as well as the "younger generation" so-called. We think their store of knowledge on the subject of tricks is not yet, nor by any means exhausted.

Proverbs for the Erudite Collegian

Consume, imbibe, and be hilarious for tomorrow ye decease.

Lucre is the tuberosity of all corruption.

A vocable to the erudite is adequate.

Do not enumerate your juvenile poultry anterior to their incubation.

Those who inhabit crystal palaces should not hurl destructive missiles.

A rotating calculus concretion amasses no lichens.

A sagacious seat of the intellect preserves a reticent orifice.

Athenian Society

Although two of the performers were absent from the Society, the Athenians had an excellent program Monday evening. The first number was a humorous reading by Alvin Densmore, the second a piano solo by Leona Thomas, and last a talk by President Luckey. We certainly were privileged to have President Luckey speak to us. He chose for his subject "Why Study Mathematics". He explained to us why we all should study mathematics, how the development of the mind is attained, and that when we studied Freshman Mathematics we were only laying the foundation for the rest of our college curriculum. We are sure that after this splendid talk we shall all be better disposed toward mathematics.

If we do not think of God or honor him in our daily occupation, and if we let our pleasures separate us from Him, what is the use calling ourselves Christians? The Christian follows Christ day in and day out.

Young People

Chapel Speaker—It is indeed a pleasure to look into your faces—

Flo' Long—Horrors! he didn't see mine.

In Ed. Psychology, Prof. Wright speaking of women—When they are 10 or 12, they're looking for strength; when they become 15 or 16, it's money but when they become 30 or 40 and still single—

W. Clark—Any old thing will do.

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Locals

Mr. Frederick Howland has been in town visiting his brother, Charles Howland? ? ?

Mrs. William Purdy and son of Venice Center, N. Y. is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark.

Professor and Mrs. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Marion, Ind. visited Watkins Glen Saturday.

Prof. and Mrs. Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams took supper with Prof. and Mrs. Whitaker, Wednesday.

Professor and Mrs. Boardman and son, Royce, were called to Cattaraugus Tuesday, by the death of their cousin.

Rev. J. C. Long is home for a few days after holding a series of revival meetings with Rev. H. E. Robertson, a former Houghton student, of Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Professor R. W. Hazlett writes from Long Island:

"My work at Columbia has started very nicely and for the most part encouragingly, in spite of the pleasures of commutation. However, it is quite evident that if anything, I underestimated the difficulties of securing a Ph.D. If anyone should still recall the trials and tribulations of their English assignments, you may inform them that they are amply —oh, very amply —revenged!"

Bachelor Club (So-Called)

The Bachelors' Club officially opened fall social season Friday, Oct. 1, with a pancake feed in the club-rooms. At a solemn convocation held a few days previously, the members, with admirable broad-minded tolerance, had decided to suspend, temporarily, their hitherto unalterable determination to disregard the fair sex; consequently, young ladies were in attendance. Our excellent chaperon, Miss Helen Davison, ably assisted by Miss Secord, personally superintended the baking of the pancakes. The consumption contest was a tie between Mr. Moulton and Mr. Yetter. No fatalities have been reported to date. After the pancakes had been duly attended to, a taffy pulling contest took place; the honors being carried off by Mr. Lane. The party then dispersed, and the resident members proceeded to chisel the taffy from the ceiling and piano.

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Freshmen Make Merry

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corn and weiners were roasted and the coffee served. The surprise of the evening was the "dessert" or lolly-pops given by Miss Rothermel and Miss Burnell. These were presented with a clever speech and a new version of "The End of a Perfect Day".

"When you come to the end of a lolly-pop,

And you sit alone with the stick,

Then your heart goes down with an awful thump.

How you long for another lick."

It was then suggested that before the party disband they take a walk thru town giving some yells and songs. They visited Pres. Luckey, the Hussey house, Rev. Pitt, and ended at the Girl's Dorm where the class yell—

Chickadee ax co-ax co-ax

Chickadee ax co-ax co-ax

Ho—hum Ho—hum

Freshmen! Freshmen! Freshmen!

was given with great gusto and the last song was "Good Night Ladies".

Joys of a Bookseller

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There is satisfaction in knowing that it is not possible to exaggerate the benefits to be derived from a well-bound Bible or Bible Story Book. The religious instruction cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents.

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Bookselling should not be considered merely as a money-making scheme.

Purple-Gold Baseball Series

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bination, but nevertheless, eighteen fellows are going to be out this afternoon doing their very best to make the game a successful one from their team's point of view. This being considered, those two teams should be supported whole-heartedly by their followers until the last ball is fielded in the last half of the last inning. Thus, and only thus, is any team inspired to its best efforts. Whether you are high school or college, eighth grade or post-graduate, you are either Purple or Gold; therefore, make your presence known at the game and let there be no need of being asked that shameful question after the

game, "What are you, Purple or Gold?"

The captains announce their line-ups subject to change, as follows:

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Hardison	Lowery
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Fox	Donald Ferguson
Worden	Pitt
Lane	Dyer

Students Keep Informed

A young man, student at Houghton College, ate at Miss Rothermel's table for the first time.

He to Miss R.—What studies are you taking in college?

Miss R.—I am taking piano once a week and chorus conducting.

He left none the wiser.

Carry Me Back to Calvary's Mountain

Tune: Carry Me Back to Old Virginny
Carry me back to Calvary's Mountain,
There's where my Savior died for me
upon the tree;

There's where He speaks to my spirit
so sweetly,

No other place can be half so dear to
me.

Long time I wandered afar from my
Savior,

Day after day by my burden sore oppressed;

There near His cross Jesus gave me
His pardon,

Lifted my burden, and brought me in-
to rest.

Chorus

Carry me back to Calvary's Mountain,
Where Jesus died my rebellious heart
to win;

There let me bathe in the pure, cleans-
ing fountain,

Flowing to save me and keep me from
all sin.

Carry me back to Calvary's Mountain,
There let me live in the shadow of His
cross;

Kindling my love in the Love there
uncovered,

There let me weep till I lose my worth-
less dross.

O my heart there is touched by His
goodness.

There Jesus speaks out of flowing
wounds to me,

And when at last I am safe home in
heaven,

E'en there I'll thrill to the thought of
Calvary.