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Annual Junior-Senior Banquet

About fourteen years ago there was instituted by the High School Juniors what has come to be a big event in the lives of the Junior and Senior classes. The occasion was that of the first Junior-Senior banquet and was held at the home of Mrs. Bowen.

Friday evening, May 9, has been selected as the date of the Fifteenth Annual Banquet given to the Seniors by the Juniors. The hosts and their guests will meet in the vocal studio at 8:00 where a short program will be rendered. Promptly at 9:00 the scene will change and Act II will take place in the new banquet dining room at the dormitory. The banquet will be served according to the usual custom by members of the under classes. The most pleasant part of the evening will come after the dinner when the two classes roast and toast each other.

Rain Again Halts Arbor Day

However, Work Progressed Swiftly

For the second time rain intervened to stop Arbor Day activities, when on Wednesday afternoon the workers were again compelled to leave their work half finished and resort to shelter.

The day opened bright and clear and remained so all the forenoon while the students attended classes; however, immediately after work was commenced in the afternoon storm clouds made their appearance in the west, and before three o'clock had begun to pour their contents upon the earth.

Enough was accomplished, however, so that the track can be put in condition to run on without the aid of many men. Runners may be compelled to work on it without the aid of cinders this spring. Even under these conditions the track work should be better than ever before.

The work of cleaning up the campus and the work on the new tennis courts was also left once more incomplete, although our campus is even now more cleanly and beautiful than ever before.

BOULDER Editor Waits Wire

Mark Bedford, editor of the Boulder is waiting a summons to East Aurora to arrange the pictures for the annual. It will be necessary for Mr. Bedford to go to East Aurora, Saturday, to take Annual copy and other material. Saturday is the last day for the entrance of material.

Don Schumann, after being at home several days because of the illness of his father, is making famous headway with the advertising. The BOULDER is going over the top.

MAY CONCERT

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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1924

Last Regular Meeting of the Y. M. W. B. for this School Year

Don't miss the last regular Y. M. W. B. meeting for this school year. It will be held next Tuesday evening, May 13, in the College Chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p. m. Many heathen souls have doubtless heard the gospel for the first time from the lips of the one who will speak to us. You have heard it thousands of times from hundreds of lips, but come and hear about those who have not. Come and bring the one next to you.

Harmonizers Elect Committee

The Houghton College Harmonizers in a brief meeting held May 2, 1924 chose Prof. Hazlett president of the organization. A motion was made and voted upon, whereby the orchestra and the quartet were each authorized to elect one member from their number to confer with the president of the organization in compiling programs to be rendered by the Harmonizers. Edward Williams, president of the quartet, was chosen to represent them and Alfred Kreckman as the representative of the orchestra.

Self-denial for Missions

There is nothing unnatural in the gratification of the appetite with good things, but it is a pleasure to find a little self-denial once in a while. The graduates of a school are usually given a banquet by the under-classmen as a matter of course, but the unusual is being done by the graduates of the department of Theology. They have requested that no banquet be given them, so that this expense can be saved and the money sent the Mission Board. Although they would not have shared in the expense of the banquet, they are sharing in this fund, as well as foregoing the pleasure of the occasion.

Is not this the spirit that should be manifested by all young people starting out to further the kingdom of God? It seems like a good token of the consecration of the means of livelihood which shall come to the hands of these graduates in the future. The need of every mission field calls for self-denial, and this is always blessed by the Giver of our money.

The May Concert Coming

Music and Oratory Dept. Production

The coming May Concert which is to be held on the evening of May 16th will be the fifteenth annual entertainment of its kind in the history of Houghton Seminary and College.

Back in 1909 in order to insure the financial success of the lecture course the May Concert was instituted. Mr. H. C. Bedford, then a professor here and later president our sister college, Marion, was perhaps the most influential in the inauguration of the event. Prior to that time the lecture course had never been a success as far as finances were concerned, but since the adoption of the concert as an annual affair, it has never been wanting funds.

This last number of our course has come to be almost a tradition the observance of which drew a capacity crowd to the college chapel last year. Attendance was drawn from all the surrounding country, and a larger crowd is expected this year than ever before.

The concert this year will be more interesting and entering, because of part played by Houghton Harmonizers.

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Weekly Food for Thought

And this is life eternal that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. John 17:3.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the only begotten Son of God. John 3:18.

Editorial

We allowed anger to run away with us the other day and were sorry for it within five minutes after it had happened. We are always sorry, but being sorry won't take back the hot words which were said. Let us all master our temper. The inability to do so detracts from our spiritual self, our mental ability, and our physical power. What is the worst, however, it enters in unexpectedly like a thief in the night and robs us of our friendships and perhaps even of our rightful amount of self-esteem. Yes, it is true. Anger rushes unthinkingly into the fray, it compels us to say hasty, unkind words without reason or foundation, it always stumbles and falls on its way, while thought, grave and com-

prehending strikes deep and with safety. Once more let us quote from both Christian and pagan. Paul enumerates some of the things from which we should separate ourselves and in his list he places anger first, "But now ye also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and filthy communication out of your mouth." Ecclesiastes, the preacher, appoints a place to anger when he tells us, "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry for anger dwelleth in the bosom of fools." That old pagan, Seneca, expresses his thought in one sentence, "He is a fool who cannot be angry, but a wise man if he will not." Let's watch our step.

There are several glaring inefficiencies in the administration of certain Houghton College activities which should be remedied and some new practices which should be inaugurated.

In the past it has been the practice in the student body to have no fixed dues but to levy a tax on each member whenever the occasion arose. These taxes are more or less regular, and range from the sum of two cents to twenty-five cents. This is unsatisfactory and unfair in that it entails an enormous amount of unnecessary work for the treasurer, not to mention the fact that this individual is never able to collect the full amount of the tax levied. Uncollectable accounts are due, not to the large numerical size of the tax but to its relative insignificance. Those who have made an honest endeavor to collect these taxes, hold that they find a relatively large tax much more easily collectable than a relatively small one. The one and only remedy for this situation would be, by a vote of the student body, to levy a tax at the beginning of the scholastic year to be administered by the executive committee which would cover all the expenses of the body for the year. The STAR is intensely interested in any such movement and will do all in its power to see that it is carried out. Vote "yes" when the question is brought before the attention of the student body.

Another of our deficiencies, is the attitude which the average student takes toward student elections in every student group. Few student voters take into consideration the ability to act of the one whom they are about to sup-

port. Far too great an amount of personal feeling enter into elections. If we personally like a candidate we vote for him, and then if he fails us in the administration of his office, he is censured, when the blame really lies in the voters themselves. In the coming elections let us consider ability rather than personal feelings. In this phase of work let us separate ourselves from provincialism.

I WAS compelled to
TAKE A TRIP of about
SIXTY MILES every Saturday
AFTERNOON AND I made it
A POINT TO wave my hand
AT EVERYONE whom I saw
ALONG THE WAY and I did
THAT FOR several weeks and
THEN ONE DAY when I
STARTED OUT I felt awful
BLUE AND downcast
AND I THOUGHT that I
WOULD NOT wave at anyone
BUT THAT DAY I met a
LOT OF THOSE folks whom
I HAD WAVED at before
AND THEY all waved
FIRST AND before I
HAD TRAVELED one-half
OF THE WAY I had
FORGOTTEN all about
BEING BLUE and
DOWNHEARTED and now I
KNOW THAT the greatest
REMEDY FOR that feeling
IS TO WAVE your old paw and
I THANK YOU

NIGHT PROWLERS

In the interest of the BOULDER, Gosbee and Farner made a thrilling trip to Machias, Monday evening. Starting about seven o'clock they took the longest way around, making a distance of about 75 miles.

The trip was successful. Arrangements were made for a concert to be given by the Harmonizers at Machias, Saturday evening under the auspices of the Machias High School for the benefit of the Boulder.

A stop was made at Mr. Charles White's at Freedom. He will assist at Machias. The advance agents of the Harmonizers reached home safe, if not sound, about eleven-thirty.

The fact that a firm's ad. appears here means that they are friends of the college and will back up their ad. by honest goods. Show the proper spirit and give your trade to those merchants who help us, in preference to those who consider our trade valueless, and who refuse to support our publication.

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Some of the inspiration may be passed on:—

"I am glad that I am a child of the King, and that when we make mistakes he takes us back to his favor. I mean to go on with the Lord."

"It does us a great deal of good to look back over the life we have been saved from. Today my thoughts were turned to the years when I was in sin. God lifted me out of my filthy life of sin and made me clean. My heart overflows when I think of how he saved me although I had rejected him for years. He continued to plead and he won my heart. I do praise Him for salvation that reaches us no matter how low we may be."

"I am glad my life is in the hands of God. I look to Him as my hope for the present and the future."

Pa Clarke Speaks on "Ants"

It is well known that on Tuesdays we have special chapels as well as on

Fridays. However, Mr. George Clarke substituted very well for the lady member of the faculty whom we were expecting to conduct the exercises. After giving us a general description of the white ants, commonly called bugabugs in Africa, Brother Clarke told his experiences with these insects on the mission field. That they are very numerous and infest every conceivable place were some of the facts he presented. Not to have us think that they were entirely a pest because of their consumption of network, he explained that they are a provision of providence to dispose of vast accumulations of vegetable matter in tropical regions.

Athletics at Standstill

Wet Weather Continues to Hold Up Tennis and Field and Track

Athletics in Houghton at present are at a standstill. Only a few of the tennis preliminaries have been played as yet. The players wait patiently with rackets in perfect condition while the courts have been almost a sea of muck. Both Purple and Gold racketeers are bemoaning the lack of practice for preliminaries and semi-finals but despite the fact that they are being run off with all speed possible.

Track and Field athletes are practicing under great difficulties, but are making sure progress even with the drawbacks. Events in both track and field for the men seem to be little changed from last year. In the mile and half mile, Farmer and Williams will reign supreme. Farmer will also cop the four-forty. Morse is still picked at this early prediction to remain king of Houghton dash men although the competition will be much more severe the last year.

P. Steese should have little competition in the pole vault and the same should be the case with the veteran Morse in the discus throw. Little is yet known of the broad jump, but the Purple have Morse and Bentley, while the Gold's chance looks little improved. Farmer supremacy in the high jump will be challenged both on his own side and that of the Gold, while the shotput should go to the Golden crew with Burnam.

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MEREDITH ACQUITTED!

Mock Trial Ends

The final stages of the Meredith trial were reached at the session of the "Court of Allegany" on Monday evening. The last witness of the prosecution, Mrs. Meredith, was called, but disclosed no striking information. Mr. Woodhead, attorney for the defendant, then presented his side of the evidence from the testimony of previous witnesses of the prosecution. The jury retired for about three minutes and returned with the verdict of "not guilty." Practically all evidence in the case was merely circumstantial and it is safe to say that the interests of justice were upheld by this acquittal.

Neosophic Society

The Neophs will again resume their regular meetings with a Current Event program on Monday night. Everybody WELCOME.

Spring Fever Symptoms

Have you noticed the restless feeling prevalent among college students of late? These beautiful spring days have proved too much for them, and their minds are occupied with anything, seemingly, but studies. When staid college Juniors come to classes with lessons unprepared and minds so completely engrossed by such weighty subjects as dandelion salad that they are oblivious to what takes place in class, it surely is time something was done. Perhaps the remedy for this mental inertia could be found by listening to the conversation of various college groups.

"Say didn't we have a great time at our college picnic last year? I wonder if we will have another this year?"

"Oh, of course we will. That's just what I need to give me some pep. My brain is so tried from studying all winter that I feel as if I never wanted to see another book. But if I could go on a spree for a day! Why, I'd be ready to settle down and study and study for the rest of the year."

"Yes, but simply talking about it doesn't do any good. Let's get to work and have one. What do you say!"

And that is just the question, college students—What do you say about a picnic?

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We learn that Mrs. A. E. Moses is in very poor health.

Frank Henshaw and Elmer Hudson spent the week-end at their homes.

Matthew Gosbee and Keith Farner were in Machias, Monday afternoon.

We notice that Mr. Barnett and A. E. Moses have recently had their houses reshingled.

Misses Doris Hildreth and Edith Warburton were in Warsaw, Saturday afternoon.

C. J. Crandall and family went to Olean, Monday, to take Gladys back to her work.

Pres. and Mrs. J. S. Luckey and son, Robert, and Donald Schumann were in Wellsville, Monday, on business.

Matthew Gosbee has bought the school's "Tin Lizzie"; perhaps to take a few extra trips across country during the week.

Earl Tierney and Edith and Agnes Lapham accompanied Donald Schumann to East Aurora, last Saturday.

The Lapham girls visited their aunt in Buffalo.

Mrs. M. C. Cronk and four children, Miss Hillpot, and Miss Dorothy Bennett went to Lima, Friday, to attend a recital given by Miss Cole, a former teacher here.

Ira S. Bowen of Pasadena, California, visited his mother, Mrs. P. S. Bowen, recently. He was sent out by the Institute of Technology to visit several eastern colleges. While in the East he gave a paper before the National Physical Association in Washington; visited the science departments of Princeton and the University of Buffalo; and interviewed the head electrical engineer of New York.

Ione—"That preacher's wife writes his sermons for him."

Cook—"I am going to King's for him."

McMurtry—"I hate to walk home in the rain. It gets the press all out of my trousers."

Lucas—"Roll them up, then."

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Editor of THE HOUGHTON STAR,

Mr. Calhoon and I wish to con-
gratulate the staff on the success of
THE HOUGHTON STAR this year.

We are enjoying every copy of it.
We think the weekly edition a great
improvement over the former publica-
tions. The weekly edition keeps us in
such close touch with what is going on
at Houghton that we almost feel as
though we were there.

We are glad to note that the new
printing press has been installed and
hope that this may mean even greater
success for the future HOUGHTON
STAR.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. A. R. Calhoon.

**Daughter Born to Mr. and Mrs.
Calhoon****Mr. Calhoon a Successful Coach**

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. A.
Ray Calhoon on February 8th a daugh-
ter, Marjorie Faye Calhoon. Mrs.
Calhoon will be remembered as Miss
Norah Riggall who for three years had
charge of the Oratory Department of
Houghton Seminary. Mr. Calhoon
graduated from Houghton in 1911 and
for the past three years has been prin-
cipal of the high school at Minoa.

Besides acting as principal, Mr. Cal-
hoon has won a name as athletic
coach. For the past three years his
basket-ball team has won the county
championship and this year they also
won the championship of Central New
York, giving them the right to com-
pete in the state tournament held at
Syracuse. Last year the baseball
team won the championship of eastern
section of the county league and hopes
to win the county championship this
year.

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