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Is Your Vision Broad Enough?

If So, This Will Not Interest You

From December 29 to January 1 there was held at Indianapolis, Indiana, an international convention of the Student Volunteers. At this meeting there were some six thousand persons registered, of whom five thousand were student delegates, the remainder being missionaries, faculty members and officers.

You and I could not be present, but Mary Lane Clark and Lulu Tanner, both returned missionaries, and Miss Ione Driscoll, a student of Houghton College, attended the convention. On Sunday evening, Jan. 13, our pastor has taken up his service, and these delegates will give brief reports of the stand that men in the highest walks of life are taking on religious and missionary matters. You will also hear how fellow students are feeling on matters of the utmost importance, not only in religious lines but also in national affairs.

If you are a student, by all means, come; and if you are not, do not miss it. Sunday evening, January 13, 7:30 p. m., at Houghton Church.

Heroes in Plumbers' Garb

Lower Houghton has been in the throes of a water famine. Floors have gone unscrubbed, clothes and faces unwashed because 1200 ft. of the new pipe line refused to function. The weather was a blizzard. But here is where the heroism entered: Fred Bedford Joe Kemp, and Paul Steese, under the stirring command of Prof. Wright, went out into the cold, and faced the fury and wildness of the elements that Houghton might not go unwatered.

The man who has learned that it is just as easy for him to be wrong as the other fellow, has acquired valuable knowledge. We understand that you must have advanced as far as your senior year before you can possibly be able to be the possessor of said knowledge.

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James S. Luckey

Lonesome? No! Why?

What are Christmas vacations in Houghton like any way? Are they all study, all work, and all homesickness? Ask Clair Carey, or Harold Douglass, or Louise Gifford, or Mary Whipple, or any of the twenty-two or -three who were doomed to remain here for the two weeks. Christmas dinner, Christmas parties, Christmas trees. New Year's party, hunting trips, skating parties, etc., etc. How much work do you think was done and how many tears shed?

JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS

What is the matter with the radio? Who is holding it up? Why are they doing it?

An educated man is one who can read a newspaper, and not be humbugged by it.

Lucius H. Fancher

Mr. Lucius H. Fancher was born in Madison County, New York, July 3, 1850. He was the youngest of thirteen children, and his father died when Lucius was only three years old. Because of this Mr. Fancher was obliged to leave school at the age of thirteen, and he always regretted his inability to secure a good education, for when he became free from the necessity of helping to support others, he decided that he was too old to go to school. He was converted in his teens, probably when he was about sixteen years of age. From his childhood he attended the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In his neighborhood was a station of the underground railroad; his father was a strong anti-mason and the principles of reform were drilled into him from infancy.

In March 1877 he was united in marriage to Mary Esther Rathbun of Haskinsville, New York, and hand in hand they walked together till God took them, Sister Fancher preceding her husband by a little more than two years. For a few years they lived in Central New York, and there an event happened that was destined to have a great influence on their lives and on the lives of their children. Rev. Willard J. Houghton was traveling east and west, north and south, for the purpose of raising funds to found Houghton Seminary. In the course of his travels he met Mr. Fancher, and in conversation with him said, "I believe that God wants you to move to Houghton and take charge of my farm." This farm is the same one now owned by Houghton College.

Mr. Fancher felt that Mr. Houghton was right and accordingly in 1882 he moved to Houghton. From that day to this he has been an important factor in the development of Houghton Seminary and Houghton College, and his influence will continue while time shall last. He reached Houghton in time to assist in breaking ground for the old

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Editorial

[Editor's note--On account of the coming Purple-Gold contests for the basketball championship, the editorials for the next few weeks will be devoted to some phase of athletics.]

Said Oliver Wendell Holmes "To brag a little, to show well, to crow gently if in luck--to pay up, to own up, to shut up if beaten--are the virtues of a sporting man."

What is a sporting man? He is a true athlete, a gentleman and a sportsman in all that these words convey. He plays the game straight and fair, and often what may seem to others honorable defeat may be to him a true victory. He has a correct conception of success and failure. Anyone can win in good grace but it takes a sporting man to lose in the same way. A sportsman is fair and upright and is no true athlete unless these qualities are embedded into his very nature. It seems to be the case that the athletes whom one would expect to be the best sportsmen are in reality just the opposite.

Would you foul purposely in a basketball game? Would you miscall the score in tennis? Would you beat the pistol in a sprint, or spike a runner at the plate while sliding home with a winning run in a baseball game? If

you would, you are the same fellow who will cheat in a college exam and who will in later life develop into a gambler, a con man, or a general crook. You are as dishonest and untruthful as if you robbed a bank. Any cheat can gouge his opponent in the ribs or injure him unnecessarily in a game but a sportsman, if he is accorded the same treatment does not whimper.

A fast game with the leather sphere is one of the best methods of showing a man up to himself. In fact, as we remember reading somewhere, all the pulpits, churches, and missionaries in the world have taught no greater lesson or produced no greater sermon than that which is echoed in those two words, FAIR PLAY. The church and sport have been generally considered to be at almost opposite poles in their spheres of effort, but remember this: when they are both sifted down to their basic virtues, they are founded on the same fundamental, FAIR PLAY. A religion that has no practical application is in no way beneficial and the most practical of all religions is fair play, for those two words are just a shorter way of repeating the thoughts of the Master of Men when he said, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Our sympathy with the fanatical extremist, who is so blinded with his fanaticism that he cannot see that religion and sport go hand in hand, is nihil.

Somehow we just can't help but feel that when we reach the end of our sojourn upon this earth, when the great umpire has called strike three in the game of life, after we have "englished" our last leather sphere thru the iron hoop, and unerringly volleyed our last return back over the net, the Master Referee, who will remember our every action and who will figure up our fielding average by considering the number of chances we had with those we accepted, will be slipping the most radiant halo on the man who PLAYED FAIR. He won't ask how many games you won, but his question will be, "How did you play?"

Unless a man's religion fills his soul with a spirit of fair play, and prompts him to play fair with his fellow men, it is not much of a religion. Unless one's participation in sport inculcates into his very being the spirit of fair play, a spirit that lives beyond the field of sport and enters into his every action in the business world and in his home life, he is not a sportsman.

Star Sport Stanzas

"Inter-scholastic Athletics"

by Hussey

The world is just brim full of sorrow; there's always a sad-looking face. Of woe we are oft wont to borrow, our dejected features to grace. But if we would wait till the morrow, just look through the thick clouds of time, we'd see not a broad land of sorrow; we'd glance at a sunshiney clime. There are things in this world we desire, and we're sad since they don't come our way; but if from our grief we'd retire, no farther from us would they stay. There's no use of grief or repining. Let hope be our trust-worthy guide. The light of prosperity's shining. Put vile pessimism aside! And as to the vital relation of sports to our neighboring schools, please learn the word "procrastination". Don't hurry like maudlin fools. There's coming a time in the future when we shall have proven our dream. Let hope of success be our tutor; let fairness and truth be our scheme. Let's work for our cherished ambition until we attain our end. But with this enthused condition, true candor will surely attend. The new year is now come upon us; nineteen twenty-three is no more. Let not our great duty fade from us. Let's put forth our best as before. "And what is our duty?" you ask us. "What vow must we further fulfill?" It's this--FOR THY SPORTS BE YE ZEALOUS. Make valid true sportsmanship still. A few of my good, worthy readers may think we are almighty dead, may wish that in sports we were leaders, not merely third class, to be led. To these anxious and ambitious students, we make one straightforward reply. In all of your dealings use prudence. But WORK, for time surely does fly.

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Thelma Hill, Veva Parker, Ernestine Hotchkiss, and Martha Bentley were among those who visited school last Friday.

The district school house is being wired for electricity this week.

Mrs. W. Ware has been sick the past week.

Mr. Mann and Mr. Hudson went to Kane, Pa., Monday night.

Rev. David Anderson underwent an operation December 29 at Plattsburg. His many friends will be glad to hear of his improved condition.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Meade in Bradford, Pa., Wednesday, Dec. 26 occurred the wedding of one of our former students, May Meade, to William J. Ladle of Smithport, Pa.

"In a Friendly Sort of Way"

Monday evening's Athenian program was of very excellent quality. Every part was a gem of enjoyment and inspiration. "Friendship" is indeed a universal truth, holding in our hearts the most honored position. We felt it a loss that some of the numbers could not be given.

Miss Eudora Fero thrilled us with that encouraging poem, "In a Friendly Sort of Way." Choice excerpts on "Friendship" collected from the works of the best poets were given by Miss Esther Haynes.

"The House by the Side of the Road", given in a faultless manner by Miss Clarice Spencer inspired us with the true spirit of "Friendship." A piano solo by Pearl Russell lent still more color to the program after which a few extemporaneous talks about friendship closed the program.

Next week, the last meeting this semester, there will be a snappy drill in parliamentary law.

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New Year's Among the Neosophs

After an interval of two weeks, the Neosophs assembled Monday evening with a large number present. The exercises, consisting of songs and devotional exercises, were participated in by all. The program which followed was very interesting.

Miss Pitt read a very good New Year's story. Besides being a fascinating narrative which gripped the heart strings of the hearers, it showed the permanency and beauty of parental love.

A very pretty piano duet was well played by the Misses Bennett and Higbee. The Neosophic mixed quartette, composed of the Misses Irene and Ada Fladd and Messrs. Kreckman and Douglass sang the inspiring hymn, "The Lord is my Shepherd". Mr. Tucker read a paper on the meaning of New Year's and the resolutions which so often accompany that season. His treatment of the subject was very well taken and both beneficial and inspirational.

There will be one more meeting this semester, and judging from the program which has been announced, there will be points of interest for each one, making it well worth while to come and get as well as give.

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Lucius H. Fancher

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Seminary and in many other ways he assisted in erecting the building. Before moving to Houghton, three children were born, two of whom died in infancy, and the other was his son, Ralph who now lives in Houghton. While on the farm, LeRoy, LaVay, and Bessie were born, all of whom are now on the faculty of Houghton College.

In 1890 Mr. Fancher moved to Cattaraugus County and bought a farm on Snyder Hill near Cattaraugus. Here his daughter Marietta was born, and here he remained for twenty-nine years. In 1919 he returned to Houghton, living for a time in the president's house connected with the old Seminary, afterwards in the house built by his daughters. Mrs. Fancher was taken away in September 1921, and Mr. Fancher fell to sleep December 17, 1923.

These are the simple facts connected with the life of this noble man, but how utterly words fail to picture the life that he lived. Mr. Fancher was a man of the Abraham Lincoln type, rugged on the exterior, but the interior was as gentle and tender as that of any woman. His sense of humor was similar to that of Lincoln, and his utterances were always original. In everything that advanced the kingdom of Christ, he was always intensely interested, and could be depended upon to do his part. In proof of this was his interest in the Y. M. W. B. for which he wrote many articles, signing these articles as "Uncle Lee". When the L. S. U. was introduced, Brother Fancher became a member. He made a pledge for each one of his grandchildren and paid all of them faithfully each year. His was the simple but beautiful life, giving sunshine and emitting fragrance wherever he went. It is for us the living to honor Christ in our lives even as he did in his.

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The Purple Junior basketball team swamped the Gold here last Friday evening in a somewhat slowly played game with the onesided score of 35-12. Fox, Cronk, and Bennett starred for the Purple scoring all the field baskets while Benson and Mulno showed themselves in fine form in the guard positions. Mix, captain of the Gold team, and "Skeets" Roth were the Gold's best bet for a win but they could not overcome the swift passwork and greater weight of the Purple. The next game of the Purple Gold Junior series will be played next Friday evening.

Freshmen Lose Ignominiously

The freshmen completed the games on Friday evening by losing to the Soph-Senior team by the same score as the preceeding game 35-15. The Freshies presented a line-up in the first half that they stated was their second team but there was a noticeable change in things, before the second half was completed and Enty and Steese, veteran first stringers, were thrown into the breach in an endeavor to stem the tide of defeat. However

they came too late. The Soph--Seniors had obtained far too great a lead and the newcomers were obliged to taste the bitter dregs of defeat.

HOUGHTON LOCALS

Mrs. Georgia Van Buskirk and son, have been visiting in town the past week.

Alora Russell of Caneadea, who is attending school at Geneseo visited Mrs. Lillian Burr Wednesday.

Clarence Flint is in the Olean Clinic Hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis last Thursday.

Mrs. J. V. Benson and two children, Marion and Irwin, were in Owego Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Benson's brother-in-law, Mr. Decker.

Mrs. Maurice Brink, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Edson and son, Lawrence, were at G. H. Clarke's Saturday to help celebrate Grandpa Lane's 80th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell and daughter, Ruth, were called to Kane, Pa. by the serious illness of Mr. Johnson, son-in-law of Mr. Rockwell. Word was received Monday that Mr. Johnson died Sunday morning.

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the greatest athletic event in Hough-
ton College, will open this year on Fri-
day, the eighth of February, and will
close on Friday, March the fourteenth.

This year promises to be the greatest
of all years in the history of Houghton
basket-ball. The men's teams are both
showing up better than ever before.
Each year since the inauguration of the
Purple-Gold series, we have seen an
advance in the brand of basket-ball
that has been displayed; and this year
will be no exception. The names of
the oldsters appearing for basket-ball
practice, men who have made basket-
ball history in Houghton, insure this.
Such men as Williams, Henshaw, and
Reese, star guards and members of the
Gold team for three successive years;
Hussey, premier center of two years
standing; Howland and Baker, flashy
forwards with years of basket-ball prac-
tice and experience; all men whose
powers in the great court game is well
known to followers of Houghton, will
appear in the Gold line-up.

The Purple too, boast of a fast and
experienced line-up. Men like I. Enty,
premier guard and first ranking basket-
eer in Houghton for several years;
Morse, giant center and track and field
star who will return soon; Bentley, star
forward of Rushford High School team
for several years; P. Steese, floor cap-
tain and brilliant member of the Pur-
ple team for three years, along with his
brother Carl, better known as "Midget"
whose work this year may place him as
the greatest newcomer to the Purple
regulars, will make up the backbone
of the Purple aggregation.

Will Invite Neighboring High Schools

Special invitations will be extended
to the neighboring high schools to at-
tend the series; especially to the second
game to be played on Wednesday, Feb.
the thirteenth, which is to be made the
biggest game of the series, will the out-
siders be invited.

DATES FOR SERIES

First game	-	Friday, Feb. 8
Second game	-	Wed., Feb. 13
Third game	-	Friday Feb. 15
Fourth game	-	Saturday Feb. 23
Fifth game	-	Friday Feb. 29
Sixth game	-	Friday Mar. 7
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