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THE RED SEA ROLLS BACK!

Banker Goes Through on Self-denial

Back there in the olden time, the Lord favored Caleb and Joshua above their fellows because they said they were well able to go up and possess the land. When the students, faculty, residents, and friends of Houghton faced the proposition of raising at least \$400.00 to send an old student over to India (where he is to meet another old student) they did not back down; but they went at it with faith, and God backed up that faith.

On Wednesday, November 21, the day appointed for the ingathering of self-denial and thanksgiving offerings, students, faculty, and friends assembled in the chapel at Houghton College. After a brief chapel service, a march was announced, and the students and others began to march around the chapel singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and depositing their mite boxes and offerings on the table as they marched. To be sure, it sounded like some sort of an army, with the tramp, tramp of feet, the jingle of coin and the hearty voices raised in chorus as they sang that song that never tolerates defeat or retrenchment. Large sums there were and small sums; dollars from the Pacific coast, and dollars from nearer home; but they all mingled well. As the army returned to their seats, they sang the college song while the amount was being determined. When we announced the approximate total of \$538.81 (some of you know, and the rest can imagine) the enthusiasm and gratitude that wrote itself on faces, and from the back of the auditorium, there came a heartfelt "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" as students and others joined to swell the praise.

The final total to date is \$566.21; about \$76 of this amount was given by interested friends outside of Houghton. The Baptist Church at Freedom, where Mr. Banker sang the Gospel in Song once, sent an offering of over \$14.

To be sure, Houghton College is an educational institution, but God finds

missionary volunteers in her halls and He also finds students, and a faculty with faith in a mighty God who are ready to stand back of the volunteers, not only with their money, but also with their prayers. We are missionaries, are you?

In addition, we wish to take this opportunity to thank our townspeople and other friends who have stood by splendidly, and who have helped to make this possible.

"SAFETY LAST"

"Safety first" is a good thing, but it won't get one nearly so far as "safety last" will, according to Professor Hazlett's chapel talk Monday. "Safety first" takes every precaution to shield itself from danger of every sort, and seeks out the easy job; "safety last" takes chances and does things, the impossible things.

On Tuesday Mrs. Lennox gave us something different in chapel talks. In answer to the questions: On what are the principles on which our nation is based? Who is the typical American? Are we advancing in our capacity for self-government? Are we maintaining our capacity for self-government? What is the spirit of a free self-governing democracy? Mrs. Lennox read quotations from Van Dyke, Elihu Root, and Nicholas Murray Butler. She closed with the inspiring poem, "Thou Too, Sail on, O Ship of State!"

The speakers for next week will be, Monday, Prof. Wolsey; Tuesday, Miss Hampe; Wednesday, Prof. Boardman.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE

Regular Purple-Gold practice will begin Monday. All Gold men come out for practice on Monday at 3:30, while the Purple will report on Tuesday. Regular practice after vacation.

What is wisdom but having a great deal to say and then keeping silent.

Artist Group Entertains

The open season for lecture courses, association privileges, and other indoor sports was formally inaugurated at Houghton on Tuesday evening with a program of elocution, music, and song by the "Artist Group." Everyone was put in a pleasant frame of mind at the beginning by President Luckey's announcement that enough season tickets had already been disposed of to assure the financial success of the course! The personnel of this artistic galaxy consisted of Marguerite Sherlock, reader; Mr. Raymond Simonds, tenor; and Mr. Jesus Sanroma, pianist. Although a program rendered by such a varied assortment of talent would necessarily be somewhat in the nature of a pot-pourri, yet the ingredients were well mixed and flavored to suit popular taste.

The opening number was Mascagni's "Ave Maria" which Mr. Simonds rendered with the proper degree of restrained fervor and religious emotion. He gave the impression of being a most meticulous performer and of possessing a highly trained voice of pleasing timbre. Although hardly of grand opera calibre, he demonstrated in a surprising manner his range and power in the bravura passages of his final selection, "The Trumpeter" by Dix. Perhaps his most popular rendition was a group of Scottish and Irish folk songs and Negro Spirituals, which he sang with much charm and delicacy.

Although Miss Sherlock has passed the ingenue stage, she seemed at first slightly dazzled by the absence of footlights which she evidently expected; but she quickly recovered her aplomb, and won her audience by a pathetically humorous selection entitled "Tired of a Husband." On her next appearance she gave an inimitable dialect impersonation of a negro mammy, which highly edified and delighted all those who had never been south of the Mason and Dixon's line. Both selections would have been creditable for an amateur; but it is really regrettable

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Editorial

WE UNDERSTAND

that there were only three members of the orchestra besides the director out for one of the late practices. What are they going to do with that forty dollars that we gave them on tag day if they are not coming out to practice?

TALK

pro and con about intercollegiate athletics for Houghton is again in the air. An undercurrent of talk, in the halls, in the classrooms, at mealtime, any place where students can congregate, we hear it. Many of the new students, however, fail to understand the complexity of the subject and the greatness of both the practical and theoretical points involved.

In the first place Houghton is a unique school, occupying a coveted position in the spiritual and intellectual world. Naturally her board of directors, her faculty, her student body, are loth to embark upon any new enterprise or change of policy, the propriety of which is uncertain.

For the benefit of those who do not understand the situation we will enumerate a few of the reasons why Houghton does not engage in interscholastic or intercollegiate athletics:

1. The danger of lowering spiritual standing.
2. The danger of lowering intellectual

standing.

3. The problem of costs; that is, costs which would be entailed by road trips, equipment, and the procurement of a coach.

4. The problem of association which would arise both from road trips of Houghton teams, and the incoming teams.

5. The fear that the evils of college athletics as seen in some of our great Eastern Colleges would be carried to our own school.

6. Intercollegiate athletics would draw men to Houghton for the express purpose of engaging in athletics rather than for the spiritual and intellectual benefit obtained; and these men would not really represent the school in carrying out, on road trips, her true spirit and traditions.

7. The advertising thus obtained would be of a questionable sort.

8. The athletics as carried on at present, bring about the real purpose of athletics in the best possible manner.

THE LADIES

of our country do some fine things. One of the great slogans of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was, as we remember it, AGITATE, EDUCATE, LEGISLATE, used in reference to their great fight against booze. In using this slogan they only reiterated the thoughts of that great author, that distinguished historian and anti-slavery agitator, Channing, when he said in reference to slavery "This thing ought to be discussed."

PUBLICITY

is a flaming word in the hands of justice and right. We look in horror upon the murders, the thefts, the embezzlements, both of public and private property, and of the awful evils occurring on every hand, but do we ever stop to realize they are only a fractional part of those which would take place if people were not allowed to discuss them. We think that we walk in crime now, but we would wallow in it if the great news publications of the day did not publish in glaring headlines, every evil or rumor of evil that their reporters can unearth. Publicity is the straight-jacket that every leader in public or private affairs must wear.

ARE WE

to sidestep everything that is questionable by taking it for granted that it is bad. If our ministers of the gospel were to do that, they would be in a bad way? If our mathematics teacher, or our instructor in theology had never studied intricacies of mathematics or the momentous questions of theology, they would be "out of luck" when they endeavor to explain the truth or falsity of a problem in either.

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Word has been lately received by Mr. Fred Bedford from the Luckey Radio Corporation in Allentown, Pa., that the radio outfit for Houghton College is at last complete and ready for shipment. The outfit is a large one costing the school over three hundred dollars the full amount of which has already been raised. The success of the promoters in so easily raising the sum necessary to purchase the outfit only demonstrates again the fact that the student body of Houghton College never falls down on any project that is worth while.

ARTIST GROUP ENTERTAINS

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though, that Miss Sherlock could not have felt assured that a college audience would have appreciated at least one more serious interpretation, and that she should have seen fit to choose a suitable vehicle for demonstrating some of the histrionic ability that won for her the leading role in the Senior Play at Wellesley. But such are the demands of popular sentiment and public taste these days, we suppose!

But it is a pleasure to refer to the work of Mr. Sanroma, who is in every sense of the word a true artist, to his very fingertips, as the phrase goes. In fact, there seemed to reside in those same fingertips an almost uncanny musical sense and machine-like precision that enabled him to run the entire gamut of the clavier with nonchalant ease and grace. But back of this technical perfection was the mind and soul of a virtuoso; albeit exhibiting perhaps some of the mannerisms and gaucheries of youth, yet showing much of the unconscious dignity of genius and revealing abundant promise of a matured art. He displayed a nice discrimination in art and popular taste by playing Chopin's Ballad in A flat major for his first number, and Liszt's more showy La Campanile for his second. The entire elimination of personality in his automaton-like playing of his encore "The Music Box" by Laidow was most admirable. We predict better things for Mr. Sanroma than the Chautauqua platform and the lyceum circuit.

New International Holiday

Fourteen foreign nations have signified their intention of following President Coolidge's lead by backing the observance of December 2 as "Golden Rule Sunday." People will forego their usual noonday meal and eat instead the frugal ration usually partaken by the refugees and orphans of the Near East, contributing the difference in cost to the big national relief organization in each country for refugee work.

Heretofore, only four annual holidays have been observed internationally,---Christmas, New Year, Easter and Armistice Day. The addition of Golden Rule Day to this list is notable, because the movement for its adoption was purely American in origin.

American contributions will be handled by Near East Relief.

Miss Roark demonstrating an experiment before her physics class; "Now the faster I whirl this weight tied to this string, the more I feel it." (Just then the string breaks, and the weight hits Mr. Enty.)

Mr. Enty; "Yes, and so do I."

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Children's Meeting	3:00 p. m.
Young People's Meeting	6:45 p. m.
Preaching	7:30 p. m.
Prayer-meeting	Thur. Eve. 7:30 p. m.

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Freshman Class Elects Officers

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The first meeting of the Freshman class was held last week, and the following officers were elected: president, Paul Steese; vice-president, Ione Driscall; secretary and treasurer, Clifford Bentley; cheer leader, Clyde Meredith. We, a class of about thirty-six members, feel highly honored and distinguished because of the fact that we are the first Freshman class of Houghton College. We endeavor to leave behind us this year a history that will inspire the freshmen of coming years.

Every man of us is alive and awake to the world about us. We are sure that those who attended the basketball game last Friday evening realize that we are among them. It is perfectly proper that our upper classmen obtain the higher score, but next time we expect to make you work harder, upper classmen. Get ready for the next game!

We are especially fond of our natural color, green, for green is the sign of life. Whoever saw healthy sprouts of grain that were not green? We are growing day by day, wiser and wiser. Soon you will find us budding, blossoming, and developing into well rounded heads of golden grain. Freshmen, let's make Houghton sit up and watch us grow!

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HOUGHTON LOCALS

Kenneth E. Gibbon is at home sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Haynes of Rushford visited chapel Monday.

The last shipment of lockers for our gym have arrived and are now being installed.

C. J. Thayer and family visited in Howell over the week end. Miss Olive Gulliver returned with them for an extended visit.

Edmond Peck will leave Saturday for Wheeling, W. Virginia, where he has a position as stockman in the Woolworth Brothers store.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Maud E. Grimes, a former Seminary student, to Robert E. Henderson on November seventeenth, at Elmira.

We were aroused to action Tuesday afternoon when the High School building accidentally caught on fire, while the Biology class were performing an experiment with phosphorous. Very little damage was done. Miss Rork is suffering from severe burns on her hands.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hazlett start for Florida the first of the week.

Mrs. P. S. Bowen and Mrs. Crouch were called to Avoca to attend the funeral of an aunt.

News From Miltonvale

From the Miltonvale Wesleyan Methodist College Monitor we glean the following news item in regard to their society work:

"The Ciosophic society will deliver a special program Friday, November 16, at eight o'clock. The main feature will be a strong debate upon the proposition: 'Resolved that the principles and practices of the Ku Klux Klan tend to undermine the government of the United States.' Affirmative speakers are Melvin Geist and Howard Hollaway. The Klan will be defended by Russell Parsons and Wesley Bissey.

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The upper classmen swamped the challenging Freshmen team in the opening game in the Bedford Gym this year, to the tune of 27---40. The girls' Dorm team also won from the Town 7---3.

The girls played a better brand of ball than is usual for them and the Dorm was able to reverse the usual tenor of these games in winning. Lapham, town forward, caged all the points for her team while Baker and Steese starred in floor work. Ackerman and Fero were as usual the shining lights in the Dorm aggregation.

The boys' game was fast for an opener although the lack of practice showed itself most distinctly after the first ten minutes of play. It would be hard to pick the luminaries of the Frosh quintet as every man played good ball. Bentley and Steese each caged five baskets while Kemp came through with two. Bentley's clean shot from back of center during the opening minutes was a feature.

The upper classmen as a team exhibited a much more developed brand of ball. Kitterman, Baker, and Howland caged four baskets each while their passwork was especially superb, starring Kitterman and Williams. The most spectacular feature of the game was Baker's freak overhead shot, with his back practically turned to the goal just as the ball was going out of bounds.

AFRICAN PROVERBS

(Contributed by Miss Tanner)

"If green leaves burn, what of dry ones?"

"To try and fail is not laziness."

"A white fowl is still white, even though you may dip it in palm oil."

"Seeing a person is not knowing him."

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