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Students' Prayer-meeting

At seven o'clock Tuesday evening the students gathered in the chapel for the regular weekly students' prayer meeting. Mark Bedford had charge of the service, and read parts of the first, second, and third chapters of Titus. After prayer Miss Driscoll, Miss Knapp, Mr. Carey, and Mr. Kreckman favored us with a special song entitled "Feasting With My Lord". Following this was a brief testimony service.

Let us remember and pray for our Tuesday evening meeting that they may be a real spiritual benefit to each one of us.

Baseball, Field and Track Scheduled

What promises to be the biggest and best field and track meet in the history of Houghton athletics is due to be staged May 13. The new track and new hurdles have added much to the equipment but the general athletic efficiency should show considerable improvement also since most of our athletes of several years experience are still in the ring and the dope says that records are doomed to be shattered.

The executive committee of the H. A. A. has also set the first four dates for Purple—Gold baseball series: May 4, 6, 8, 11.

The Purple is rumored as having strengthened their line-up considerably, while the Gold are getting fidgety about finding a catcher to hold Burnham, their speedy pitcher. A closer contest is predicted than last year.

No exact date for tennis has been determined. However, conditions are such that it must be played off during the last two weeks of May. All of last year's contestants are again on hand.

The officials for baseball, track and field are as follows:

Baseball umpires—Prof. W. L. Fancher, and Physical Director Charles White.

Baseball scorekeeper—Laura Steese.
Starter—Charles White.

Timers—Prof. Molyneaux, Prof. W. L. Fancher, and Prof. Wright.

Scorers—Edith Lapham and Allen Baker.

King's Daughters Go to Camp Shenawana

Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
King's Daughters!

Did you hear that yell as we left the campus last Friday p. m., all loaded in Mr. Crouch's truck? Never did a truck the size of that one carry a better load! We were packed in like the proverbial sardines, and then it would not hold us all, so one dignified senior took her place on the front fender. Even at that another car had to follow to carry the cats.

There were thirty-three of us and the driver, and when we arrived at Camp Shenawana there were thirty-five. Mr. Stearns of Andover made a capital host, and did everything he could for us, even to digging bait for the anglers of the party.

What with baseball, fishing, wading, eating, playing games, exploring and climbing about, the evening disappeared all too soon. As a grand finale we tried some group pictures about the fireplace, then toasted marshmallows, ate them [what were not lost in the fire] and then went to bed. Not to sleep, however, for some were hostile to such useless waste of time, and insisted on hurling shoes at their near-by room-mates. Others were inclined toward somnambulism, and managed at intervals to create excitement of a sort. At last, however, quiet reigned and all slept some.

Promptly at 5:00 a. m. we were awakened by the shouts of those who had spent the night out of doors, and immediately all was excitement and animation. After an early breakfast in the open, the truck was again loaded and with song and yell the King's Daughters made their way back to Houghton, not however to forget this trip so long anticipated, but merely to await another opportunity to repeat the delightful experiences at Camp Shenawana.

Harmonizers at Wallace

On Saturday, April 26, the Houghton Harmonizers scored another victory. On that evening they appeared in Wallace, New York, and gave their usual classical concert before an audience of approximately three hundred. Every available seat was taken.

As a whole the program was decidedly a success, although the true value of some of the members was slightly impaired because of the poor piano offered. Applause came like deafening thunder, and the boys were forced to respond to encores again and again. At times the crowd even shouted in its glee.

The work of Mr. Bedford and Mr. Henshaw deserves special mention, and they are to be congratulated on their success.

Both before and after the concert, a pleasant time was enjoyed at the home of Mr. Earl Tierney.

The Harmonizers have a very active schedule for the remaining part of the school year. They expect to give a concert every Friday night and perhaps on some other evenings. Their success is assured.

Staff Completes Boulder

The worthy members of the Boulder staff have heroically discharged the bulk of the work on this year's annual. The cuts for the pictures have been arranged and sent to the engraver. All cartoons, advertisements, and written material were mailed to the printer last week, so that the present prospect is practically certain that we shall receive our treasuries of Houghton doings this year by Commencement week.

Nearly two hundred seventy-five copies have been sold at present. To make the financial success a certainty three hundred must be sold. Alumni and friends of Houghton as well as her students should have a Boulder, especially because this Commencement marks the beginning of a new epoch in Houghton's history with the first college graduating class.

The individual proofs are being prepared as rapidly as possible and are expected to be in the hands of Mr. Henshaw soon. A chapel announcement will be made upon their arrival so that orders may be placed at once.

The Handicap of Blindness

We have read of blind men and women who like Dr. Moon, the inventor of the reading system for the blind, and Fanny Crosby, the sweet singer, really considered their blindness a talent to be used to the glory of God. As a result their lives have been of untold blessing in the world.

Tuesday, in chapel, we listened eagerly to the words of Professor McKeen as he told us of some people who see and yet do not see very much and of some others who cannot see and yet really see a great deal.

Professor McKeen, a graduate of the school for the blind at Batavia, has been blind from infancy. His special work at this time is that of showing the young people of the state what is being done for the blind. We were surprised to hear of the number of courses taught in their school, such as, physics, chemistry, language, music, and domestic science.

We have always been taught that if one of our senses was gone, the others became more acute. Professor McKeen disputes this fact saying that to the blind the sense of touch becomes more acute only through cultivation. He especially emphasized the fact that God has given us a great deal of which we know little or nothing because we do not make use of it. This is so in the case of our senses which might be more highly cultivated.

We were interested in knowing that in the schools for the blind they no longer use the system of raised letters, but rather a system of dots in which a blind person can write almost as fast as a person experienced in writing shorthand.

Professor McKeen delighted us with his fun and good stories, and yet underneath this there was felt such a deep spirit of thankfulness to God who had enabled him not to consider blindness as a terrible affliction, but as a handicap and a handicap which he has borne cheerfully and in hope. He put his whole soul into his last song.

"I shall wear a golden crown,
I shall lay all burdens down,
When I get home."

Attend the M. S. Class!

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He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isaiah 40:29; 41:10.

Editorial

"Education. How many glittering generalities are recorded in its name. Was not Nero educated? Yes, but not in moral conscience and righteousness. Was not Benedict Arnold educated? Yes, but he had very little sense of patriotism and conscience. Was not the late German Emperor educated? Yes, in art, science, literature, and even theology, but few criminals outcrimed him in human history. We have arrived at a time when the word education must be definitely qualified. Of what kind is it? In what direction does it lead? What is the student going to do with his sharpened weapons? Is he going to wreck a bank? Is he going to hold up a train? Is he going to set fire to a city? Is he going to murder his neighbor? Is he going to dynamite a great news plant that stands for a square deal in the labor world?

"What does it mean to be educated? Let some university man tell us whether it means to respect the Constitution

of the United States, or to sneer at parts which you do not personally like. The supporters of our schools, colleges, and universities have a reason and a right to ask the presidents and instructors in these institutions, what they really mean by education. We know the etymology of the word. We know it means 'lead out, 'lead forth'. But Chicago and the rest of the country are asking now with a new emphasis 'What is it that the university is going to lead out—a moral idiot, or a sane citizen with a conscience? . . . What sort of citizen are you going to train in your university? Are you going to lay more stress on science than on character? Are you going to fan the central fires of the universe, called God and the human conscience, or are you going to have sneering professors who make light of these eternal verities? . . .

"A book written by a professor of one of our northern universities and distributed by thousands since the World War had patches of poison thought in it which would undermine Christian citizenship. Professor Todd's book belittled the social teaching of Jesus as compared with that of certain German propagandists. On certain of our high school buildings is written in conspicuous letters 'The education of the youth is the foundation of the State.' Well, that altogether depends on how and in what they are educated. For forty years Germany educated her youth to be military marauders. The education of her youth was the undoing of the State. If you mean education in honor, in principles of justice, in kindness, in clear conscience, in righteousness, in patriotism, in first class Christian citizenship, there, and not otherwise, will the education of the youth be the foundation of the State.

"Wanted: Schools that teach the essential worth of a human soul. Wanted: Colleges that put first in importance conscience and character. Wanted: Universities that regard great souls as of more importance than great sprinters.

"Real people are getting tired of education, so-called, that stops short of the real thing. An education that stops short of conscience, character, and courageous citizenship is not the real thing. It is even a dangerous thing.

"Let the guardians and the conservators of our Christian American civilization beware of the educated moral idiot and of any institution that fosters conditions to produce him—or her."

We take off our hat to the editor of a secular newspaper, the Los Angeles "Times", for the above sentiment. He is one of many business men who feel the great need of education for efficient SERVICE. And right here, Alma Mater, we pay homage to you and your devoted faculty who from the first have held unswervingly to the high aim of training men and women for efficient Christian citizenship. We are inspired by the splendid lives of many who have gone out from these halls of learning and found their places and are helping to make the world better.

And if we who are still within these halls of learning can only catch this vision and maintain this heritage of service, Houghton will continue to be the "Lighthouse on the Hill," sending out rays of light into the darkness, guiding many an anxious and watchful ship to the eternal harbor.

HOUGHTON LOCALS

Miss Dorothy Bennett, who is taking training in the Warsaw Hospital, is a visitor in town this week.

Mrs. M. C. Cronk returned home Monday from the Warsaw Hospital. We are glad to hear that she is rapidly regaining her health.

Miss Esther Newton, a student here last year, and Mr. William Anders of Niagara Falls were married on the fifteenth of January at Niagara Falls.

Ernest Codd and family of Rochester, Maurice Bunk and family of Franklinville, and Gordon Edson and family of Hornell visited at Rev. George Clark's Sunday.



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Neosophic Society

We were very glad that so many
attended Society Monday night, and
that in spite of the fact that Society
was one half hour earlier than usual,
most of the members were there on
time.

We were privileged to enjoy something unusual, a talk by our president, Esther Hall. She gave a very interesting account of a camping trip which she enjoyed over the week-end. Elsie Higbee and Jean Eldridge rendered a piano duet. A musical number both vocal and instrumental was given by eight girls. Elsie Bacon gave an enjoyable talk on nature and the common things that we so often overlook, but which are decidedly interesting if we only take time to consider them.

Next week the program is to be on Houghton. If you are interested in your school, make it a point to be at Society next Monday.

Athenian Society

Professors Woolsey and H. L.
Fancher Speak

Once more college students learned the value of studying the Latin classics when Prof. Woolsey spoke in Athenian Society Monday evening. Certainly the ancient literature is not to be despised, and in this age of utilitarianism, it is well to remember and profit by the culture and thought of the Latins and Greeks. Prof. LeRoy Fancher gave some interesting facts about German literature, especially German songs. German and Latin songs completed the program.

During the course of the year, eight of the college professors have stood before the society and favored it with very interesting and profitable talks along the line of their own subjects. The society appreciates their work greatly.

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When we took our position in the reserve line on the night of August 16th, we were very thankful to find that our company field kitchen was waiting with a good full meal for us. It was the first of that sort we had been able to get for a long while.

Our relief was somewhat marred when orders came that each man must dig in six feet deep before he slept. It was next to impossible for some of us. I managed to finish mine shortly before daybreak in the morning.

Another pleasure awaited us here. There were letters from home. You who have never been in such a situation as was in this valley of the Vesle can scarcely realize what it meant to us to get out alive, and back to a place of contact with the world again. Getting so far back as to get letters from America was like a resurrection from the dead.

We had opportunity here of taking off our clothing and getting a bath by a little stream not far away. The water was not clear or clean, but was appreciated and utilized. We spent considerable time in reading and hunting — reading our shirts by holding them up before our faces, and going over them carefully from top to bottom, inside and out, finding a long and interesting story, but, to make a long story short, we were hunting for cooties.

The hunting was not better on my property than on that of others, but I have captured as many as fifty of the creatures in a single hunt! I was somewhat amused to see a bare-backed, fair-skinned officer sitting on the edge of his hole reading his story. Evidently it contained as much of interest as the one I read myself.

We spent some time here in digging trenches, and received shelling and gas enough to remind us that we were still under fire. Two men were killed, and perhaps some were wounded before we moved to the support line near Saint Thibaut on the night of August 24th.

(To be Continued)

Ernest Crocker has been quite ill for several days.

Rev. David Anderson is home for several week's rest.

Professor Whitaker is having a double garage erected.

Many of the students and townspeople have been attending the revival meetings at East Canadea and Rushford.

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