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Outing For The "Theologs"

What makes a successful hike? Good weather, beautiful views, a wonderland of nature as the destination, a shore fire, a good supper and, most necessary of all, genial companions. These are only a part of the delightful features of the theologs' trip to Caneadea Gorge last Saturday. Would you like to see some of the memory pictures taken that day?

The high walls of shale, with pines and a few wild cherry trees standing out against the sky. The stream green and clear, tumbling over the rocks, or flowing smoothly over the large stones about fifteen feet across.

The barefoot boys, in the cold stream, walking the stony bed, carrying the girls on their "handseats". This was done again when starting for home. Splendid boys.

The grate of flat stones and sod built by Mr. Gosbee and Mr. King, for the coffee-pot, Mr. Gosbee out in the stream filling the coffee-pot. Up on the top of wall, with his pal, a dog from a nearby farm, Warner rolling rocks down the steep sides of the gorge to splash into the water. The circle on the grass by the stream with plates full of the best lunch ever provided for a picnic supper.

Our dear Dorothea creeping out on the rocks in the water to sit and enjoy the sights and sounds. The games played by the boys while the late comers ate their supper. The full orange moon appearing over the top of the gorge and later lighting the way home past Moss Lake and right into Houghton.

It is hoped the rest of the school outings are as enjoyable as this one, but none of them will be any more so.

ANNUAL MAY FESTIVAL

The annual May Festival—so long a part of Houghton's school year that it is almost a tradition—was held at the College chapel on the evening of May 16th. As usual, a large and appreciative audience was in attendance. Thru the efforts of

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Downing Not to Visit Houghton

It was hoped that Honorable Augustus S. Downing would visit Houghton next week for the purpose of inspecting the college and of settling the fate of some of the would-be college seniors of '25. We had looked forward with anticipation to this visit from one who has been so influential in the chartering of Houghton College.

However, it was with regret that we learned through a recent letter from him that he would not be with us at the time mentioned. This will doubtless mean that President Luckey, at least, will visit Albany some time in the near future.

Fourth Annual PURPLE-GOLD Track and Field Meet, Tuesday, May 27

Oratorical Contest Arouses Interest

The annual oratorical contest to be held June 11th is looked forward to with great expectation this year for it is to be the largest and most hotly contested one in years. As the old students know, the contest is sponsored by the Honorable Leonard Houghton, son of the founder of this school, and it is one of the most interesting features of Commencement week. To win this contest is indeed an honor, and one that is justly deserved. But besides the honor which the winner receives, there are also material prizes of \$10 and \$5 for recipients of first and second places.

SENIOR ORATIONS

Our special chapel on Tuesdays has always proved to be a real treat and last Tuesday's was no exception. After Miss Hampe had conducted devotionals, we were privileged to listen to three splendid orations delivered by members of the Senior Class.

"Training the Voter for Tomorrow" was chosen by Paul Jassimedes

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Purple-Gold Meet Tues., May 27

It is indeed a great relief that the constant downfall of rain has at last ceased. We now have at least a few slight hopes for the future as far as athletics are concerned. The outlook for the coming field and track meet also seems more encouraging. Both the Purple and Gold squads are industriously at work in a valiant endeavor to make as good a showing as possible next Tuesday when the big contest is to be staged. The captains of both sides are as a whole optimistic in their views inspite of the severe set backs of the past season. Personal statements from each of the captains follow:

Laura Steese, captain of the Gold girls say: "The Gold girls are enthusiastic and full of pep even though some of their number have dropped out."

Edward Williams, captain of the Gold boys states: "In view of the fact that the Gold men have been very enthusiastic over the coming field and track meet, I am inclined to be optimistic concerning its outcome."

Vila Ackerman, captain of the Purple girls remarks: "The prospects for the Purple girls look very good so far, judging from the one practice that they managed to get up pep enough to take part in."

Earl Tierney, captain of the Purple boys says: "Despite almost insurmountable difficulties, occasioned by the loss of Farner, Steese and Bedford, the Purple will win for the second time the annual meet. Nothing except the disqualification of Morse can stop them."

The hillsides and woods between Hume and Belfast are being scoured for flowers by the Botany class.

The state road through town has been improved with a coat of tar preparation and additional slag.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Perrigo of Newfane, N. Y., visited at Wilson Robbins' a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Robbins, Clinton Donahue, and Donald Schumann motored to East Aurora Sunday.

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Weekly Food for Thought

Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28, 29.

And, behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. Rev. 22:12.

Editorial

With the appearance of two more issues of the "Star", it will have closed what seems to be its most successful year. At the meeting of the U. L. A. on last Monday, the items which added so materially to its success, were disclosed.

The report of the business manager showed a prosperous year as far as finance is concerned. Although the publication has cost this year for printing alone, practically \$64 per month, as against an average of \$27 per month for last year, still he was able to present a report which will at least show an even break between receipts and expenditures, if it does not show a cash balance when the last bill is paid. Great praise is due

the business manager and the advertising manager for their work.

The meeting voted almost unanimously in favor of the "Star" as published in the form of a weekly newspaper and tentative plans were discussed for its still further enlargement for the ensuing year.

The establishment of two new offices which will appear on the staff next year was one more step toward greater efficiency. The duties of the officials who will fill these offices will work out more fully as time goes on. However, in general the duties of the editorial writer will be indicated by the name of the office, perhaps subject to the ideas of the editor, and the duties of the "Managing Editor" will be in part to have complete charge of the reporters and both of the quantity and quality of the copy. These officials will, in a measure, relieve the editor of some of the details of his work, allowing him to spend more time in a scientific study of the methods of editorship and to act as overseer and advisor of his staff.

"Begin" is one of the greatest words in the English language. Don't dream away your hours in selfish self-content. Dream, and then begin. Even at the time when your dream has reached its highest point, the silence is shattered by the trampling of new feet. You dream of a great achievement, but if you fail to begin it instantaneously a new generation and some beginner snatching hungrily at a thought he supposed to be his alone, will accomplish your dream of years. Wasted time is never returned to you, even eternity itself can never repay. Begin in the present and work and plan for the future. Geniuses live and die, men and women who seemingly can not be spared in the world about them, die and except as their ideas and achievements are perpetuated in the lives of others, the world forgets and moves faster than ever. If our ideas are to be perpetuated we must begin and begin now. The world moves more swiftly today than ever before in its history.

The great news dailies of our country, marvels of efficiency in news service as they are, stand agast at the rapidity with which the world is changing. They are so swamped with the speed of it all that some are

actually slowing up, in an effort to let their readers catch up. Begin now or some other fellow will.

Baker Wins Editorship

At the U. L. A. meeting, Monday evening, Allan Baker, College Junior, and former Student-Body president, was elected editor-in-chief of the Star, for the year 1924-5.

The election of the Star editor, which was the most interesting work of the evening, took place the last thing. The contest was between Mr. Mark Bedford and Mr. Allan Baker, both old students and College Juniors. Mark Bedford is Student-Body president, successful Boulder editor, subscription manager of the Star, 1923-4, member of the Harmonizers and a man for any job that needs a man. He is a Sunday School teacher and prominent in religious circles. Allen Baker was Student-Body president 1923-4, member of the Gold basketball squad 1921-24, Sunday School official and accomplished pianist. Both are popular. Mr. Baker had the advantage of previous nomination by the nominating committee and opinion had crystallized in his favor.

The most satisfactory financial report of the Star in years was given by Harold Douglas, Business Manager. President Luckey's benevolent face fairly beamed when he learned that instead of being in the hole, the Star was actually going to set this year, with a balance on hand. Mr. Douglas was very naturally re-elected. Miss Laura Steese, very efficient treasurer of the G. A. A. was elected subscription manager.

Some new officials on the Star staff were provided for. A managing editor and an editorial writer are to be appointed by the editor-in-chief. This will serve to divide the duties and responsibilities that are too much for one man. It is also expected that the Star will take a larger form next year, more nearly approaching the newspaper size.

The contest for treasurer of the U. L. A. was very close, Mr. Harry Kitterman only winning over Mr. Vergil Hussey by one vote. President Luckey was unanimously re-elected president of the U. L. A. Prof. La Vay Fancher secured the vice-presidency, and Miss Winnifred Pitt the secretaryship.

BOULDER in the Making

The Editor-in-chief, Business Manager, Literary Editor, and Organization Editor visited the Roycrofters Thursday evening, May 15. The Business Manager took the advertising material with him, the Editor also turned in some literary material. These members of the Boulder staff who were at the Roycrofters at this time were very pleased with the progress being made on the Boulder. They, as well as other students, are waiting with increasing anxiety the time when the Boulder will roll into their midst.

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ANNUAL MAY CONCERT

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the members of the vocal and oratory departments assisted by several of the faculty and thru the kindness of the townswomen in loaning their houseplants, the auditorium was artistically decorated.

The program this year was made much more effective by the addition of the numbers by the Houghton College Glee Club and the Houghton Harmonizers, both organizations of which have become well-known in this section of western New York thru several concerts which they have given in other towns. The quartet sang a "Darky Lullaby" written for D'Vorak's famous composition, "Humoresque". Upon being recalled, they also sang a clever comic song. The orchestra, in playing "La Morsaria" by Morse as the last number of the program, justified its reputation.

Two excellent readings were given: Mrs. Fillisy's "Burglar Alarm" by Clarice Spencer; and "Timothy's Quest" by Miss Edith Warburton. Miss Spencer brought the element of suspense and humor into her work; while Miss Warburton's portrayal of little Timothy made the eyes of her audience fill with tears at the sorrows of the little orphan, and lighten with joy when he at last found a permanent home at the White farm.

There were three piano solos. Wesley Gleason played the "Etude in A-Flat" by Wollenhaupt in an understanding manner, and seemed to feel himself a part of his instrument and to put his whole spirit into his selection. Miss Pearl Russell played one of Chopin's Ballades in a manner revealing the inspired message of the great composer. Allen Baker gave an artistic rendering of Godard's "Second Mazurka".

Another very interesting feature was an Indian melody, Lieurance's "By the Waters of Minnetonka", sung by Miss Grace Wright. She was accompanied on the piano by Mr. Kreckman, and on the violin by Mr. Scott. Miss Wright also sang "A Birthday" by Woodman. Her voice is not strong, but it is of exceedingly sweet quality; and her interpretation of each song was in sympathy with the composer's idea.

The vocal duet Gounod's "Beautiful Night" by Misses Mildred Gillette and Eva Sawyer was very much enjoyed. Miss Gillette has sung here many times before, but this was Miss Sawyer's first concert appearance in Houghton. Her voice is very attractive. Mr. Frank Henshaw sang "Duna" by McGill. Mr. Henshaw has a charming tenor voice, and he gave a pleasing interpretation of this melodious song. Miss Hildreth, our talented vocal instructor, needs no introduction to Houghton audiences. She sang "My Heart at Thy Dear Voice", a composition of exceeding beauty, by Saint Saens. To Miss Hildreth also is due much credit for the excellent training she has given the Glee Club.

Three piano numbers completed the evening's entertainment: Milde's "Galop de Concert" by Misses Estabrook, Loftis, Higbee, and Molyneaux; Hiller's "Lutzow's Wild Chase" by Alton Cronk and Dorothy Bennett; Rossini's "Overture Tancred" by Misses Jennings, Williams, Fero and Molyneaux.

The May Festival is considered the last number of the year's lyceum course, altho, since it embraces purely local talent, it is invariably of much more personal interest to the townspeople. The course of 1924 has been a remarkably fine one; and the May Festival marks the climax of another successful year for Houghton.

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Student Body Loyal

The Student Body once more showed their loyalty in a vote taken to decide whether or not we should have a speaker for our Memorial Day services. The committee elected by the Faculty have not decided on all the details, but, no doubt, we will go to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of those who gave their lives that we might have freedom and peace. After that, we will have services in the Chapel. The orchestra is to favor us with music, which will, no doubt, be of a patriotic tenor. Then there will be a patriotic reading given. Mr. C. W. Flewelling of Wellsville will give the address of the day. Mr. Flewelling has spoken here twice before, once at a Memorial service and another time at a Sunday School convention. He is a very forceful speaker and everyone who hears him is much pleased with him. Surely, no one will go away disappointed at having made an effort to share in honoring those who gave their lives for their nation and their people.

Cosmopolitan Chapel

The special chapel of last Friday was a program in which various countries and peoples of the world were presented by the representatives who are present students. The service was opened by devotionals conducted by Mr. George Gates, our representative of England. In behalf of Canada, Mr. Herbert Strapp gained our sympathy by a sample of Canadian humor. What Wales had contributed to America in educators, statesmen and citizenship, was the address of Mr. John Mann, a native of that country. Mr. Paul Jassimedes, born in Asia Minor, gave us a well-depicted picture of Grecian life and ambitions. As the last representative of peoples, Mr. George Morse successfully endeavored to give the rights and aspirations of the Afric-American. This program of the world was concluded by the singing of our national song—"The Star Spangled Banner".

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HOUGHTON LOCALS

A son, Robert A., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Parker Wednesday, May 14.

Mabel Acker of Olean was the guest of Miss Hillpot Friday and Saturday.

Gladys and Clyde Lupton of East Aurora visited their parents over the week end.

Rev. Claude Ries and family of Seneca Falls were in town the first of the week.

Mrs. H. Bergen of Brooklyn, L. I., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Clark.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Readett of Olean were in town, Friday evening to attend the May Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cronk and daughter, Amelia, of Perry, N. Y., visited at M. C. Cronk's the last of the week.

Mary Steves, Alice and Cecil Huntsman, Mark and Fred Bedford had charge of the service at East Rushford Sunday afternoon.

Several of the students attended the ball game between Caneadea and Castile Saturday afternoon at Caneadea. The score was 6-1 favor of

Castile.

The citizens of Hume extended an invitation to the Harmonizers to attend and participate in their exercises Memorial Day. The invitation was accepted.

Clara Gothard, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Woodhead, Archibald King, Alfred Kreckman, Mark Bedford, and Frank Henshaw attended and assisted in the church service at Dutch Hill Sunday morning.

Our scrupulous, punctilious, and conscientious Mr. Carey had the audacity to take a cut from Advanced Analytic Geometry class Saturday. We fear that he has been reading too much of Isaac Walton in Sophomore English. Perhaps he considers it his moral obligation to take his cuts as long as the faculty allowed cuts to be taken.

The Campus has been taking on a more beautiful appearance in the last few weeks. The Campus was cleaned, new shrubs placed upon it, and the road is being widened so that cars can now pass. Shall we see that those small and seemingly insignificant pieces of paper do not find their lodging places in such healthy surroundings?

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SENIOR ORATIONS

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as the subject of a stirring oration, on the place education holds in the training for citizenship. He concluded with the statement that the Government is and will be what the citizens make it.

Miss Ruth Crouch gave us a deeper insight into the "Influence of Nature on Character". Contrasts were drawn between the influences of city and country life upon the youth of our nations. Examples from history were cited to prove the superior worth of rural training. Not the least important result of communion with nature, is closer relationship with God. Nature at the heart cannot be altered by the hand of man.

Perhaps you would wonder at Delight Ware's choice for the title of her oration but after hearing it given, you would admire rather than wonder. "Dusting the Corners" was the rather prosaic seeming title. However when one treats the corners as those of life, the meaning is changed. Dusting out all suspicious, darkened corners is the only way to bring them to the light. Sunlight reveals true character.

Prayers and Praises

The students' prayer meetings are still holding up in attendance and interest, and why should they not? The path of the just shineth more and more to the perfect day. Our last Tuesday night's meeting was led by Miss Long, who read the fifth chapter of First John, about believing on the name of the Son of God.

The season of prayer was not so long as in some meetings, so that more time could be given for testimonies. The prayers, however, are always the greatest means of grace to each one who joins in the true spirit of prayer.

Professor Wright counted the students who spoke in this meeting, and how many would you guess took part? Fifty-three testimonies in twenty minutes! Professor Wright said he thought God must be pleased to hear so many expressions of praise and consecration. Let us each be one of the number next week to offer this loving service to our Lord. Let "God First" be our aim more than ever as the spring days bring us so many blessings.

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