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Proposed Plan Rejected

Greater Co-operation Needed

The recommendations for a change in athletics which have already appeared in the columns of the STAR, was brought before and voted down by the Houghton Student Body by a large majority. This signifies that they are against class athletics. Such a decision would lead us to believe that they were in favor of the Purple-Gold system instituted in 1922. Many students seem to be able to pick some flaws in this system. If we are to retain this form of athletics, it is necessary that we should revise certain parts of the constitution thus strengthening its weak points. We believe that there should be a closer co-operation between students and faculty. Undoubtedly this will greatly remedy some of the difficulties previously encountered.

Let us adopt the Golden Rule in our athletics thus causing both sides to pull together as a unit.

Conscience Subject of Chapel Talk

Not Infallible, Says Rev. Anderson

We were indeed glad to have Rev. David Anderson conduct our special chapel exercises last Friday. The pointed thoughts which he brought were centered upon the good, weak, evil and seared consciences. He noted the Mohammedan, the Orthodox Jew, and the mother in India who throws her babe to the crocodiles, as instances which show that the conscience may be educated in the wrong direction.

Rev. Anderson showed by apt illustrations the falsity of the theory that an individual born in a Christian home is of necessity a Christian. Neither will sincerity suffice. A person "may be sincere and yet sincerely wrong".

The illustration of the horrible crime committed by a workman in Louisville, Kentucky, gave evidence that the conscience may slumber for a time or may become seared but can never die.

In closing, the speaker showed his concern and interest for the spiritual welfare of Houghton's student body.

Anna Houghton Daughters

The Anna Houghton Daughters will meet with Mrs. Isabelle Fancher Friday at 3:30 p. m.

William Forkell to Lecture Here November 13

On November 13, Mr. William Forkell will appear in Houghton on the second number of the lecture course. Twenty-six years of public work, during which period he has toured the United States from coast to coast many times, have given to Mr. Forkell invaluable experience and a perspective of people and conditions which make his lectures not only fascinating, but also rich in truth. We are fortunate and glad to have such a forceful eloquent speaker with us. We are sure that it is a privilege which we ought not to forfeit.

My Call to Life Service

The missionary spirit gripped our hearts as the Y. M. W. B. service opened with singing, "Publish Glad Tidings". After Miss Driscoll, the new president, called the meeting to order Mr. Hamilton had charge of the devotionals. Stirring messages in song by a girls' trio and the male quartet helped to impress upon every heart his responsibility to the heathen.

In addition to these pleas, were the speeches of five students on, "My Call to Life's Service". Mr. Smiley, the first speaker, burdened with his new-found duty and yet over-joyed because of his privilege, expressed his responsibility as an ambassador for Christ to answer the heathen's call. Verna Crouch told how the desire awakened five or six years ago to be a missionary had grown to be a settled conviction. Wilfred Bain, although undecided as to what definite work the Lord will require of him, declared that he would do any task God might give him. With a shine of victory on her face, Elsie Chind told how a sermon on the "Battle at the Crossroads" had driven her to prayer until she heard God's call to go, and made God's will her choice even against unwilling parents and an attractive financial offer. Howard Horton emphasized the fact that a call to life service is a call to yield to God. The conclusion was an earnest talk on the "Challenge of the Non-Christian World to Houghton Students" by Viola Roth.

Hallowe'en Activities

Many Classes Fittingly Celebrate

The night of all nights of the year when everyone should lay aside, partially at least, his mask of sobriety and seriousness and assume an attitude of joyfulness; that night, I say, is Hallowe'en. At this time one is supposed to be susceptible to the weird and ghostly allurements of the white-robed spirits and the black-robed witches which are abroad. One who respects not the demands of their spirit friends on this occasion, might better be non-existent.

It was doubtless a respect for these age-old traditions which prompted many of the classes in college and high school to appropriately commemorate this — — — anniversary of All Saints' Day. There were five class affairs, besides one or two independent functions. The class parties will be the only ones mentioned here, however.

The junior college class was entertained at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Woolsey, which was very attractively decorated. After ghosts were interviewed, apples and peanuts searched for, "spooky" games played, a vivisection studied, and fitting stories told; very substantial refreshments were served. In this game Mr. Scott excelled, for he is said to have eaten a whole pie, seven sandwiches, and milk, pickles, etc. to match. The singing of an original song which was composed for the occasion was the closing feature of the evening.

The college freshman class occupied the camp ground, and all reports seem to indicate that they were admirably entertained. Nearly all were in costume, but not masked. Those who survived the "den of horrors" were highly pleased with the keen competition of the games and other snappy activities. Refreshments were duly served, after which the usual amount of yelling and singing fittingly closed the evening's diversions.

The junior and freshman high school classes met in the high school biological laboratory and the annex to the dining hall, respectively. Both places were well decorated, which added much to the luster of the occasions. Games, stories, and a semi-formal program were enjoyed at each party. Refreshments were also served and well taken care of.

The high school sophomore party took the form of a real banquet, which was given by Mrs. Cronk to her son's class at their home. The house throughout was elaborately decorated. After the sumptuous feast had been served, Miss Ellison acted as toast mistress and a short program was given. Again games, stunts, and seasonable stories were an important feature of the closing entertainment.

And thus did this auspicious occasion pass, but as one may note not without being fittingly commemorated. Of course there were a few children and freshmen who became uneasy Saturday night and felt led to cause a little commotion, but no real damage was done. On the whole, this Hallowe'en passed as enjoyably as any in the history of this institution.

A Warm Reception

Theologues Hold Service at the Bliss Baptist Church

The team that went to Bliss on Sunday evening received a very warm reception. After the singing of two appropriate hymns and prayer by the pastor, Mr. MacDonald, the first message was brought by Mr. Robinson. He centered his message around the picture given of the life of Christ in the fifty-third chapter of the Prophecy of Isaiah. It was a timely message and to the point. Mr. Kreckman followed, speaking in an interesting way about the death of Christ, and his experience in the Garden. Then Mr. Kreckman and Mr. Bain sang a duet, Mr. Stevenson accompanying them on the piano. Mr. Bain then spoke on the "Resurrection of Christ". These three messages followed one another in order, bringing to the people a condensed yet interesting message in three parts on the "Life of Christ". After a closing prayer, the benediction was pronounced, after a very profitable service in this cozy and friendly Baptist Church.

The Parent-Teachers Association had a Hallowe'en party at the District School last Friday evening.

Mr. Keith Farner, a college senior of last year, visited the College Tuesday. He is attending the Buffalo School of Law.

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Editorial

Superficiality

This week has been days of measurement—to a great extent the measurement of our success this far in the school year. Examinations are the inevitable in school life. If some one could devise a method that would serve the purpose of the examination, it is certain that teachers as well as students would gladly accept it. We sometimes think that such a time as this works a hardship only on the student. But really, fellowstudents, would you rather make out an examination, give it, and then correct twenty-five (more or less) papers—all for each examination you take? Until such a device as will equally suffice is secured, we shall have to continue with the regular recurrence of examinations as a means of measurement of our accomplishment.

"Oh goodie, I passed"—this you may hear most anywhere. How often this exclamation expresses the height of many students' ambition. Neither should we imply that high marks should be the goal of our endeavor, but rather a thorough mastery of the subject matter. How many classes you and I attend and at the completion of the course, and especially after the lapse of a period of time, we could not confidently present our knowledge as a matter of authority; not that we should regard our accomplishment egotistically but that we should feel that confidence in our attainment which we knew time

Our President's Message

In connection with the discussion of group association of the two sexes, it may be well to consider the subject of chaperons. Many of our young people come from places where they have associated with brothers and sisters, cousins and friends whom they have known from childhood. These relationships with relatives and familiar friends create sense of freedom, and a feeling that any social conventions that would abridge this freedom are unnecessary. Because of this, students should understand that social life in college must be considered from other viewpoints. In the first place, social training is part of a college education; therefore, students should conform to the usages of good society. In the second place, there must be general regulations that will apply to the whole student body, instead of an individual policy that is applied to each person. In the third place, it is the desire of Houghton College to make the social life count for something worthwhile and throw around it such a pure and wholesome atmosphere that all parents will feel safe in sending their boys and girls here.

Because of this desire, it is the fixed policy of the college that a chaperon must accompany young ladies when going beyond the village limits, and all group meetings of the two sexes, except public meetings, must be attended by a chaperon. The selection of the chaperon is entirely the prerogative of the Dean of Women, and a group should never express a preference unless asked to do so by the Dean. If the chaperon is a single lady she must not accept the company of any gentleman on this particular occasion. To do so will render her ineligible to act. If the company go to the place of meeting in a group and return in the same way, it is the duty of the chaperon to go and return with group. If they do not go and return in group, it is the duty of the chaperon to be at the meeting from the beginning to the close. If a definite time has been set for the meeting to close, the chaperon should see that this regulation is carefully carried out; and for this reason the hostess at such a meeting is ineligible to act as chaperon. In general, mixed committees should not be left to clean up and place things in order after the chaperon has gone. It is the duty of those being chaperoned to observe carefully every request of the chaperon, and any young lady who absents herself without permission from the presence of her chaperon is subject to discipline. The policy of requiring chaperons is to give liberty, not to repress freedom, to give happiness, not to cause regret, and to give to our social life such refinement and protection that it will be a source of delight now and forever.

J. S. Luckey.

To be continued

would not erase. Superficially marks the work of too many students. Oh yes, they pass. Many go out to pretend to teach youths the subjects they have been exposed to. Students, let us get underneath the surface and experience the joy of accomplishment.

A Spooky Program

The Neosophic Society rendered a very short and snappy program, Monday night, on Hallowe'en.

Miss Alice Davis in her talk on "Origin of Hallowe'en" told us how this strange custom originated over two centuries ago.

Irwin Mattoon in a very interesting way gave us his "First Remembrances of Hallowe'en."

"Nine Little Goblins" was cleverly read by Willard Smith.

After a delightful duet in "laughter" a round "Three Blind Mice" was sung by Helen Cooper, Esther Hall, Cosette Phillips, Florence Fish, Donald Ferguson, Royden Coy.

Ruth Rockwell succeeded in making her audience quake and quiver while she gave "Little Orphan Annie."

Allen Baker acted as critic. However he found it difficult to compose himself after such a "scary" program. Mr. Baker has decided to frequent our society. He thinks our programs are worth while. Do you?

F. Howland at a breakfast table of boys only—"Doesn't it seem good not to have any girls here?"

Prof. Molyneaux was away over the week-end.

Miss Elva Lucas was home over the week-end.

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"I have always wanted to teach science," said Mrs. Bowen. "I know I could prove the existence of an all-powerful, all-wise, all-loving God, in nature."

With the light of faith in her eyes, Mrs. Bowen showed to us the marvelous power of God in creation. We realized a new vision of the infinite power and wisdom of our creator. "And I believe," continued Mrs. Bowen, "that a God, who is able to create and control the thousands of heavenly bodies that are whirling through space at this very moment, is able to plan for the smallest details of my little life."

Power without wisdom is like a speeding locomotive without an engineer. Power and wisdom combined may work treachery. But all about us we see the proof of another characteristic in the personality of our God—love. "God could have made the vegetation all black and our food all taste like sawdust, but because he loved us he gave us the beautiful variety in life," said Mrs. Bowen.

And then we were called back to the reality of life by the bell. In many a heart, however, there had grown a greater faith in God and a deeper determination to walk perfectly in His sight.

During a review in Homiletics class. Prof. Whitaker—Are there any questions?

George Gates—Well, professor, what would you be likely to give us on the test?

Jane Williams—"Cleanliness is next to godliness. You didn't know that I knew so much Bible, did you?"

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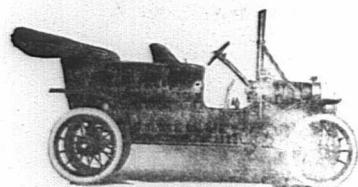
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Robt. R. Hess, Houghton**Another Interesting Program**

A very interesting and varied program was given in the meeting of the Athenian Literary Society Monday evening. The first number, "The Origin of Hallowe'en and its Observance in Other Countries" was a witty discourse by Mr. Elzy. He said that since November the first was All Saints' Day, the evening before was naturally considered a "hallowed eve". This accounts for the name, Hallowe'en. The holiday has, however, degenerated from a religious festival to a time when witches, imps, and mischief-makers of all kinds are supposed to be abroad.

Miss Secord in an interesting talk on "The Spirit of Hallowe'en" showed that Hallowe'en is no longer a time for superstitious rites but simply one for fun, mischief, and jollity. Her conclusion was that we all enjoy the holiday because we can play pranks and have a good time.

After the talk a very well-given piano duet, Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" was played by Bertha Williams and Katherine Jennings.

Mr. Roy added a humorous touch to the program by his reading, "Sam Applying for a License to Preach". The program was concluded with a selection, "Old Black Joe" by a quartet composed of Messrs. Jones, Douglass, Clark, and W. Bain.

Those who have been attending the meetings of the Society feel that their time has been well-spent because the programs have been exhibiting a great deal of variety as well as information.

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"Chuck"—Where did you get it?

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Second Frosh—I don't know. Let's ask Miss Gillette.

Library Notes

Last week the Library received from the Salvation Army Headquarters, New York City, through Colonel J. E. Margetts, the following books: "What Is the Salvation Army"; "Why and Wherefore of the Salvation Army"; "Handbook and Doctrine of the Salvation Army"; and "The Romance of the Salvation Army" written by Evangeline Booth and Grace Hill.

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