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REV. WACHTELL SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

On September 18th. Houghton Seminary was favored with a visit by Rev. Wachtell an evangelist and pastor from Jersey City who led the devotions and gave a good talk during chapel exercises. He had previously informed the pastor of his real purpose in visiting the school but the student body had not been informed as to why he was there and hence simply revealed its same natural life and demeanor as on other days. This gave him the very best opportunity to see what he was looking for.

This visit to Houghton Seminary constituted a part of an investigation of the Wesleyan Methodist Denomination which Mr. Wachtell is making. Having been actively affiliated for a number of years past with one of the large denominations and having become greatly disturbed and disheartened over the departure of the popular churches from the fundamentals of the Bible and their drift with the spirit of modernism, he is looking for a church home which really represents what he believes and to which he has given his life. He believed that the best view he could get of what our church is producing would be found in its young life in our schools. We were more than delighted to have him occupy a place on the platform and look into the faces of our young people for it would be exceedingly difficult to find a student body revealing a better type of intelligence and Godliness than were present on this occasion. We thank God for the product of our church and school. Our visitor was not disappointed but expressed himself as highly pleased with what he saw.

Rev. Wachtell is a young man of great promise, a university graduate with an exceptionally keen mind, and also well balanced spiritually. We greatly enjoyed meeting him. Our church and school warmly welcome all worthy persons looking our way for a congenial and Godly home.

Chas. Sicard

HOUGHTON FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT.

We have another entertainment staged for October 24th which will be of particular interest because most of those who give it are selected from our own school faculty. A violinist from Rochester will help

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THE CORELLA-BONELLI CONCERT

It gives us pleasure to announce that the concert given by the Corella-Bonelli company on October 7th was a success in every respect. Of the four participants, Miss Collingbourne, the violinist was most popular and was encored again and again. We rarely hear so good a voice as that of Mrs. Bonelli, the soprano. Every one was delighted with her rendering of Eckert's Swiss Echo Song. Miss Hyde, the pianist showed splendid technique and those who have a knowledge of good music say she was wonderful in the Crescendo of Chopin's Polonaise. Mr. Bonelli showed good voice control and was remarkable for volume. He was particularly entertaining in comic and dialect songs.

ATHENIAN CHESTNUT HIKE

Words are pigmy instruments as picture-bearers to the mind. Even so we are set to make another see the joyous bunch of Athenian Chestnut-Gatherers as they issued from the "dorm," literally falling off the rear of the campus, hopping the stone ridden creek and Israel-like wandering without an aim, until sighting some likely trees, they distributed themselves, some among the branches others on the ground, filling their pockets or sacks with what came to hand. Chestnuts fell for a time. On ceasing for a moment some one would remark, "In truth, is it a chestnut tree?" So they picked and munched until pictures were in order and out flashed the cameras. Then to the nook by the spring, the bonfire and the eats. The revelry was broken by lusty songs or sallies of wit, or possibly the screams of a fair member who unwittingly had made a quick descent into the water, or the complaints of another at the loss of part of her foot wear. So the evening passed with games, speeches, stories, monologues and tableaux, the merry shouts and laughter making the woods resound again and again. At the word to go, as staid Athenians they left with the fond thought of an evening well spent.

THE IMPORTANCE of PRAYER

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath." Our entire life, course, success, and goal depends upon prayer since Prayer has such an important claim upon our lives how can we afford to neglect it?

There are but few christians who, while looking back over the past ages, have not felt a thrill of admiration as they repeated reverently the names of our departed heroes and heroines of the faith. You may be tempted to think that the day of heroes and heroines is past. But do not yield to such a temptation. These, became such because of their constant communion with God. Our lives will never be what they were divinely intended to if we neglect Prayer.

We have started the year well. Let us continue so throughout. Our educational and athletic leaders have entered upon their year's work with an enthusiastic spirit that is to be admired. They seem to be possessed with a determination to make their line of work a success.

But let us not neglect the most important thing in our lives, prayer.

We must pray and continue to pray until our prayers shall call forth answers. Be a constant visitor to the secret place. Here is where we find our strength; and here is where our battles of life are first fought and won. If we are victors here we can face the world with undaunted courage. Shall we like Mary choose the better part?

F. B.

Current News

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Crawford entertained relatives from Bliss, N. Y. several days last week.

Ada Mills spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Will Calkins.

E. G. Woodhead spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morrison of Emporium Pa. recently visited Mrs. Frank Lowe.

Miss Esther Bush is spending a little time in Bradford.

Mrs. C. J. Thayer, Mrs. Van Buskirk and Rose Tarey attended a birthday party one day last week at the home of Mrs. Wm. Leet.

Mrs. N. J. Peck visited her daughter's school at Mills Mills on Friday.

Bezel and Lovina Thayer left Tuesday morning for Alfred, N. Y. where they expect to attend school this winter.

Report says Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meach and daughters are coming to live with Mrs. Allen Houghton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Knox are to occupy the flat over Albert Clark's store on the corner of Depot and Main.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cronk of Succasunna, N. J. are visiting relatives and friends in town.

Mrs. Chas. Tucker of Rochester is in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKerr and family of Canandaigua, N. Y. spent a day here recently visiting the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Pocock and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Willett of Levant, N. Y. visited Mr. Chas. Pocock here over Sunday, Oct. 2.

On Sept. 27 a fine baby boy, Charles LeRoy, was born to Professor and Mrs. H. L. Fancher.

Mr. Clarence Pritchard and family and Mrs. L. H. Fancher visited at East Leon over Sunday, Oct. 2.

William Francis of Olean, a former resident of Houghton, had the misfortune recently to break his arm.

Friends of Rev. Ralph Davy will be glad to know that he is recovering from the severe injuries received some time ago. He is unable to work as yet.

Several of the boys have been preaching at appointments near Houghton.

Misses Eddy and Kelley and Messrs. Clark and Castner autoed to Franklinville to visit Miss Davis who is teaching public school music in the High School.

Miss Effie Emminger of Sharon, Pa., has been visiting Mr. Edwin Lapham, who is head of the College Print-Shop.

President Luckey made a trip to Freedom to secure a carpenter, Clifford Hurlbert, to do work on the Gymnasium. Mr. Kellogg has employment in Fillmore.

Ray Russell '16 is spending two weeks with the Russell family on College Hill. Ray is employed in the Civil Service Department at Washington.

Mr. Eugene Lombard, who was with us a short time last year, has again entered school.

The Misses Anna and Iva Rauch spent Sunday, Oct. 2, at their home. Their parents came for them in their car.

Several of the teachers attended the teachers institute which was held at Fillmore, N. Y., Oct. 13-15.

Miss Eldridge spent the week end, Oct. 10-11, at her home in Syracuse, N. Y.

To know what you prefer, instead of humbly saying "Amen" to what the world tells you you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive. -Stevenson.

HOUGHTON FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT

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in the interesting variety of productions. Our vocal instructor, Miss Hazel Eddy, and our instrumental instructor, Miss Millie Paddock, and our oratorical instructor, Miss Beatrice Eldridge, will have prominent parts.

This entertainment will be of the class that leaves us with the feeling that it has been worth while. We can't afford to miss it. Remember the night---October 24th.

Athletics

Boys athletics are now on at full swing. A remarkable degree of enthusiasm has been manifested over the prospect for this year in spite of the fact that the base-ball season is far advanced. We regret that we have been unable to make much progress along that line.

However, that may be, base ball has not been placed entirely in the back-ground. Some of the fans, as well as the enthusiasts have been trying to do their bit for its advancement. As a result of their work, on Wednesday, October 1st, a trial game was staged. Altho, naturally, the game was not played in a fast or spectacular manner it is evident that some pretty good material can be picked from those who took part in the game. We are confident that many others would have given a good account of themselves if they had taken part.

Those who had charge of the game fixed the lineup as follows:

P	White	Woods
C	Clark	Bruce
1st B	Ballinger	Haynes
2nd B	Hester	Enty
3rd B	Bently	Bedford
S. S.	Pocock	Lapham
L. F.	Reddy	Bascom
C. F.	McClintock	Snyder
R. F.	Russell	Densmore

But we seem this season to be able to realize our greatest expectation in basket-ball, the crowning game of our athletics. Already have been played, altho casually indeed, some very fast games in which was displayed a high type of efficiency in handling the "big pill." So it is evident that we will be able to have a fine representative basket-ball team this year.

All boys to whom this article appears should immediately get on their basket-ball garb and enter the fray with a grave determination to become the star

player of the season. If you will do this we can assure you that basket-ball will be a "howling success" this year in Houghton. All eyes are upon you. Can you fail us?
W. E. B.

The Girls of Houghton Seminary are starting this year with a great deal of pep and enthusiasm. You should just hear them talking and planning for the success of their respective base ball teams. These ball games are carried on in connection with the physical training classes and have proven themselves to be lots of fun besides being beneficial. It is surely exciting to slide into base in just the nick of time but it is still better when we are put out to grin and bear it. There is room for lots of improvement in baseball but practice makes perfect.

The girls are going some in hiking too, but some of them are finding that it is wiser to get used to this gradually. Several girls have already recorded eight mile hikes.

The girls have a brand new basket ball, just as good as can be bought. This is to be for their especial use and they advise the boys to go and buy likewise. It promises many happy times to come.

Organizations

Do you belong to either of the Literary Societies? If not, why not?

The Athenian Society of Houghton Seminary aims to give those who have had a High School training or its equivalent, practice in debates, orations, readings, essays and both vocal and instrumental music.

In the vast world of opportunities all around us everyone will at some time in life find it necessary to appear before public crowds. An old maxim says, "Practice makes perfect," so now while you are in school is the time to practice. At least anyone preparing for public work should not miss the opportunity. You cannot afford to be less than your very best.

If you are already a member, so far, so good. Do you expect to profit from the meetings? The benefit derived will depend on the effort put forth. Promptness, regularity, and a willing spirit will give effectual aid.

Lack of time is a poor excuse. Mental recreation is as necessary as physical recreation, so start the week right by spending an hour at Literary on Monday night.
H. G. R.

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Editorial

OUR LECTURE COURSE

It is unusual to find given in so small a place as Houghton a lecture course of so high a class, but for several years Houghton has been favored with talent of the highest type. The Union Literary Association has exercised the utmost care in the selection of lecturers and concert companies. As a result we have been well satisfied with the numbers presented to us. We are confident that the course this year will prove no exception to the general rule, but that every number will give as general satisfaction as did the splendid concert of October 7th.

This lecture course will contain much that will be of benefit to every one who attends it. In the first place it will contain much of an educational nature. That should appeal especially to every student. We are here to learn in every possible way. It is here that we expect to have our views broadened, and new ideas brought to us. Then too we should attend the lecture to obtain information that we could get from

no other source. When a subject is presented from the platform in an interesting way it is much easier to retain than when we merely read the material. The personality of the speaker impresses his hearers. Then there is the inspirational value of hearing these great men. We see what others have accomplished, and are ourselves stirred to greater endeavor. Last but not least is the entertainment we receive. Wholesome recreation is a necessity for all and there is no better way of spending our hours of recreation for we receive at the same time help and inspiration.

We intend, therefore to support the course this year to the utmost of our ability. We owe it to the U. L. A. as members of that body and we owe it to ourselves. It is a duty, but it is a privilege. E. H. W.

HOUGHTON'S RECRUITS

When the raw conscript arrives at "army camp" he must first of all go "thru the mill." He will be given equipment, vaccinations, instruction in army etiquette, and a place in Detention Camp until he is "indoctrinated" into army life and is ready for transferment to a permanent organization. The same principle applies in school life. When a student goes away to college everything is new to him. He must become acquainted with the place, the people, and the customs. According to his attitude and intelligence, greater or less time will be required for him to become a vital part of his chosen institution.

There has been this year an unusual influx of raw material into the Student Body of Houghton Seminary. Of the 145 students enrolled 73 are here for the first time. Of the remaining 72, furthermore, several are "practically new" to Houghton.

This fact imposes an obligation upon every former student. It is ours to conduct ourselves worthily in the study room, on the athletic field, at the social function. It is our place to make every new member of the Student Body feel that while he is at Houghton he is at home.

There rests also, with every new student, an opportunity. It is an opportunity to work, to grow, to become a leader. It is an opportunity to engage with enthusiasm in the varied activities; an opportunity to appreciate the ideals that make meaningful the name of Houghton Wesleyan. It is, in a word, a rare privilege of developing into a "unit of human life" of which Houghton shall not be ashamed and of which the world stands in need. Shall we not, each one, be true to the trust placed upon us?

J. E. H.

ORGANIZATIONS

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The Senior Y. M. W. B. met for its first meeting of the school year, Tuesday night, Oct. 14, 1919. The meeting was called to order by our Vice President, Edith Hill. The devotional exercises were conducted by Hazel Jones. After the roll call and reading of the minutes a committee was elected to nominate new officers for the year. We then listened to a very interesting talk by Mr. Lawrence on the subject, "What our Band has been in the past and its prospects for this year."

We missed very much seeing the faces of those of our Band who did not return this year but we rejoiced to see so many of the new students present at our first meeting. There were twenty-four new names presented for membership and we are very anxious that before the school year shall close we may have every student a member of our Band. A good number of our students this year are preparing for work in the Foreign Fields, and really have the work at heart.

The officers for the year are: President--Edith Hill; Vice President--Edwin Ballinger; Secretary--Alice Buchholz; Treasurer--Orange Hester; Assistant Treasurer--Ruby Brakeman; Pianist--Zola Kitterman; Chorister--John Wilcox. Program Committee, Flora Brecht, Hazel Jones, and Howard Chapman; Membership Committee, Viola Lewis, Lucy Miller, and Royal Woodhead. Z. M. K.

NEOSOPHIC HOLDS DEBATE

The Neosophic Society had a very interesting debate at their meeting of Oct. 13. As the question was noised abroad before-hand, much interest was aroused, so much in fact that the Athenians decided to go "visiting." The question to be debated was: "Resolved that co-education is detrimental to school-life." We wonder that any one could be found in Houghton to take the affirmative side of this question, but it seems that there are people here who do not quite approve of our school. At any rate the affirmative side was most ably defended by Miss Mary Williams, aided by Messrs. Castner and Bascom. They worked hard to defend the stand they had taken, but with Miss Sullivan, Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Woodhead as opponents, they found themselves defeated. For some strange reason public opinion seemed to favor the negative, and perhaps that was one reason why that side received a favorable decision.

Everyone present seemed to enjoy listening to the speakers, and they surely received help through the practise in speaking. More debates would be interesting and helpful. Try it again, Neosophics.

THE HIKE.

"O boy, O, joy, where do we go from here?"

It was a motley bunch of fellows gathered in front of the Sem Friday night, October seventeenth, at four-thirty. Some large and tall, others small and short, some with good clothes, but most with any old clothes. That was to start, mind you, for the latter distinction soon ceased to exist, since all returned with "any old clothes."

Who were we? Gideons and Loyal Sons of Houghton Seminary. What did we do? What didn't we do, is a more appropriate question. Shouting, banging drums, tooting cornets, the big racket filed out of town about five o'clock like the exodus of the ancient Israelites. There were about thirty-six fellows, three of whom had been professors but a few hours before. You know them as Professors Coleman, Sprague, and Fancher (Levay.)

Shortly after six o'clock the bunch arrived at the site of the old railroad bridge. And then the downward scramble and tumble began. Sometimes right side up, sometimes wrong side up, what did it matter so long as the general direction was down? The wearing away of the bank is not all due to erosion, nor to the stream, as was clearly proven to any fair-minded geologist at that time. In like manner it may be stated that the wearing away of trousers is not confined to the effects of school room usage. It is agreed that a considerable quantity of Caneadea Gorge was suspended from trouser hangers the night after the evening before.

Eats! Let a semi-starved creature of any kind, particularly of the genus homo, masculine gender, come in contact with appetizing food, and what is the result? Quite astonishing, I assure you. Pity the wieners! Pity the bread, the beans, and the coffee!

Singing, then speeches from the erstwhile faculty members around the blazing fire, and then, homeward bound! It was an evening worth while, for the fellows are better acquainted.

OCTOBER TWELVE

On the morning of the twelfth of October, fourteen ninety-two, as the Santa Maria cast anchor along the shore of San Salvador Island, Christopher Columbus passed to the new and unknown West the torch of Eastern civilization. Upheld by a firm belief in the truth of his scientific theory, nothing could keep him from his purpose, until the dim shore-light told

him his faith had become reality.

Europe was at this time entering on an age of discovery; and had he failed, others, no doubt, would have traversed the "westward way." Yet Columbus was the pioneer. He did not fear to challenge skepticism and break the path for those who might forget his forward looking and unconquerable spirit, so typical of the western world he found.

The celebration of Columbus Day by the school children of Columbus is a custom worth perpetuating.

Alumni Notes

Dear Alumni, I wonder if you were all as glad to get the last Star as I was. It seemed like a glass of cool water when one is very, very thirsty. How dear Houghton is to our hearts, and there seems to be a charm about even the new students whom we may not know. They are Houghtonites and that is all that is necessary.

We have a few items to report. As yet only one alumnus has responded to the request in the last issue but no doubt many more will in the next few days.

G. B. Shultz, formerly editor of the "Star," is assisting in the pastoral work at Barberton, Ohio. This is one of the most aggressive charges in the Allegheny conference.

Miss Ethel Kelly, a College Junior of '18, is teaching in Rushville, Illinois.

Miss Louise Middleton is also following the pedagogical profession in Myersville, Ohio. Margaret Middleton has a position with the B. F. Goodrich Co. in Akron.

Arthur Northrup a theological student in Houghton during the last two years, and his wife, Myrtle Woodbridge Northrup, a music graduate of 1909, report their continued loyalty to our alma mater. They are in the pastorate at Driftwood, Penna.

This list should be very much longer, in order that the department may be as interesting as we desire to see it. I expect to hear from many of the alumni subscribers concerning themselves and any other alumni about whom you can give information.

Let us all be true to Houghton and her ideals. Let us remember her needs when we pray.

B. W. M.

Address Mrs. H. C. McKinney
Lawndale, Ohio.

or G. B. Shultz
Barberton, Ohio.

WRECKS ON THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

On the night of October 15 a wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania Railroad which was caused by the carelessness of the conductor in charge of the southbound freight. He had orders to lookout for the work-train between Houghton and Caneadea also he had slow orders on the freight but he paid no attention to these, and ran at the speed of 45 miles an hour. From the other direction came the work train trying to reach the south end of Houghton siding. It also was running at a great rate of speed, so between these two places at Burrville, the two came together with a terrific clash that practically ruined the engines. Two oil car, one coal car and a box car which was demolished were thrown into the ditch. The track was torn up for a distance of 50 feet. This occurred about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The wrecker crew was called from Olean, but it did not arrive on the scene until about 4:30 P. M. In the meantime an extra freight had brought rails and ties to the scene of the accident, while the section crews had done all they could. When the wrecker train arrived it soon cleared the track of the debris by throwing it to each side of the track. This delayed the 4:30 P. M. passenger train until 9:45 P. M.

The next day occurred two wrecks, one below Rossburg which threw two box cars off the track, the other above Caneadea at Oramal, wrecking three cars. This delayed the 4:30 P. M. train one hour. Neither one of these wrecks caused as much damage as the one at Burrville.

F. K. T.

Exchanges

The Houghton Star sends greeting to its exchanges at the beginning of another school year. We intend to do our very best to make this department more interesting than it has been before. We want a long list of good exchanges for every issue of the "Star" and invite other schools to send us their school paper on exchange. The exchange of school periodicals is an excellent means for promoting friendly acquaintance. By reading exchanges from other schools we find some things which will add value to our own school activities.

The "Star" has received the following exchanges:
Our Dumb Animals Norwood, Mass.
The Backbone Utica, N. Y.
Missionary News 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.
Eastern Nazarene College Monthly Wollaston, Mass.
The Middlebury Campus Middlebury, Vermont.

INFLUENCE

It has been said that every move that a person makes when in company with other people has an effect upon their actions and upon their lives. This effect exerted upon the lives and actions of others is called influence.

The influence of one life over another may be such that one person's actions will cause a sudden change in the life of a companion. On the other hand two people may be together continually without there being any seeming influence of the one over the other. But as they continue to associate a slow change will be noticeable in the life of each one. If they continue to associate for many years their lives will eventually become similar in a great many respects.

On the other hand a man is watched by someone at almost every minute of his life and his words and actions will have an influence, for good or bad, on someone's life that will last all through that person's life. The way a person walks down the street will leave an impression upon someone who sees him. The way he looks, his every movement must necessarily leave a mark upon some life.

The words of a man will influence those around him to some extent but the old saying, "actions speak louder than words," is still true. A person may make a profession of religion and give a very good testimony, so that people to hear him in service would think that he was a very religious man. But perhaps the next day he becomes angry at his horses for some little thing and licks them without mercy and people will say that he has not much religion! Or if a young man who makes a profession of Christianity is always kicking about the umpire's decision when he is playing games, or is willing to cheat whenever he sees a chance, he will not be thought to possess much Christianity and he will influence others to do wrong.

On the other hand if a man that makes a profession of Christianity is always patient and kind no matter how much trouble he may have and never appears to lose his temper in the most trying circumstances, men will say, "What a fine Christian man!" They will be influenced by his example to lead a kinder life. They will see in him something that they will desire for their own lives and thus will be led to turn to Christ, the one who can enable all to bear their troubles patiently.

It is often wondered how the missionaries can obtain such a hold on the lives of the heathen people. They go to the field filled with the love of Christ and by their kind treatment of those with whom they come in contact, the natives begin to respect and admire their white instructors. Once the natives see that the whites have come to help them, the missionaries

can by their lives and teachings influence them to turn to Christ. It is said that Livingstone owed his success as a missionary to the fact that he never would harm the natives nor would he allow his men to do any thing to harm any one. If the negroes were hostile he would be patient and wait until he could show them that he came for good. Thus by his patient, loving life he led many thousands of the Africans to Christianity.

Thus it can be seen that everyone's life is continually influencing the lives of those around him and that it is necessary for a person to be always at his best so that he may not cause his brother to fall.

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bate."

Nora—"That didn't help his judgment
any."

Nora—"You needn't spend an hour or
so on this debate."

Royal—"We're not all as bright as you
are."

At the Dorm.

Clark(as he prepared to divide his
third piece of pie with Bascom)—"This
is bisecting the angle of p. i. e. The an-
gle of construction is e. a. t."

We see in Clark a future prof. of gas-
tronomics.

In Political Science.

Prof. Sprague—"I remember very well
the election of 1876 for I was born that
year."

Miss Lawrence—"Me too."

Tillman Misunderstands.

In the discussion of the Hayes-Tilden
Campaign, Tillman taking the last name
mentioned for some of his illustrious an-
cestors was rather shocked when Prof.
Sprague said, "We never had a Tillman
for candidate for president and I don't
believe we ever will."

Nellie sitting on the porch, "Say, Lina,
you'll need more than your suit coat on,
it's cold."

John, starting out walking, "It depends
on what you're doing."

Consolation

Oh, dis butiful fall vether
Ven H₂O soakes thru your shoes
Ven it shines you feel like fightin'
Ven it rains you haf der blues.
Oh, der vorld is very crooked
You're der only vun whats right,
Und der oder peoples laff at you
To see your appetite.
Der vorld is full uff droubles
And dey comes to you und me,
But ve ton't gif a picayune
Just let der old vorld be
Und cheer up vunce yourself, mit
Und you vill pe surprised to see
Dot der old vorld ain't so pad
As dat you tought she vas gonta be
already.