

# The Houghton Star

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## Conference Convenes at Falconer

The Houghton delegation to the Alleghany Conference came back feeling well-repaid for their trip. The conference was held in the splendid new Wesleyan Methodist Church at Falconer, N. Y. Conference members and guests were graciously entertained in the homes of the people. Excellent meals were served in the village community hall by the ladies and friends of the church.

A spirit of fellowship and harmony prevailed throughout the session. The evening evangelistic services were favored with the blessing of the Lord. Inspiring missionary addresses were given by our Missionary Secretary, Rev. E. F. McCarty, also by returned missionaries from India: Miss Stella Wood and Mr. J. R. Smeltzer.

An hour was devoted Saturday morning to the hearing of our educational interests. The Lord favored this service with His presence. We are sure that the Alleghany Conference has a sympathetic interest in Houghton College. We returned feeling grateful for such a self-sacrificing constituency who are standing so loyally behind us. Let us increase our fervor and diligence in the service of the Lord that we may in no manner fall short in the performance of the task He has assigned to us.

## The Annual On Its Way!

### Discussion Pro and Con

Does every one know that we are going to have an Annual this year or have you forgotten about it? It's the first in the history of Houghton. Perhaps you don't hear anything about it and think it is taking a rest. But such is not the case. Ask the Juniors! They are having frequent meetings and are discussing it from all angles. They want to put out something good and something every one will be proud to own. One of the things under consideration just now is a name for this annual. If any one has a good suggestion, send it around. The Juniors will be glad to consider it.

## Senior Honors to Be Presented

The annual Junior-Senior party given by Mrs. Bowen is to be held Friday night. Departing from the usual custom of entertaining the party at her home, Mrs. Bowen has secured the annex to the diningroom in the girls' dorm. The honors of the Senior Class will be presented by Mrs. Bowen. This has been a matter of some speculation because we have many good students and some of them have entered the class this year, so that we do not know their previous accomplishments. Games of wit and cunning between the two classes will be introduced.

## College Bulletin Under Way

Professor LaVay Fancher is busily engaged in preparations for the publication of the College Bulletin for 1924-25. This will be the catalog number, and will contain information concerning courses for next year, expenses, and so forth. Students, shall we each keep in mind several young people who should become interested in our college, and see that they receive bulletins as soon after publication as possible?

## Medicine Chests Installed

Do you know that three medicine chests have been installed by the faculty? One has been placed in the infirmary, one in the chemistry laboratory and one in the gymnasium. The faculty decided to make a minimum charge for any dressing that will depreciate the supply.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

Last Thursday evening eleven girls surrounded the well frosted birthday cake in honor of another recurring cycle in the life of Miss Helen Davison. To satisfy any curiosity which may arise, we would say that Miss Davison is still an infant--at law. We hope that she may see many more March 20ths and that they may all be happy ones.

Dr. Charles Tucker of Rochester was in town, Wednesday.

## Orchestra Scores a Victory

The classical concert given by the Houghton College Orchestra last Friday evening was a decided success. The program presented gave evidence of much painstaking effort in its preparation.

The program included several selections by the entire orchestra, impromptu introductions of the individual members, a piano solo by Mr. Kreckman, a violin duet by Messrs. Scott and Hazlett, selections by a double male quartette, and reading by Mr. Mark Bedford.

Although the entire program gave great pleasure to those present, there were certain numbers which were especially pleasing. Among these latter were Schubert's March Militaire and Waldtenfel's Les Patineurs, by the orchestra; Largo from Concerto in D Minor by the Messrs. Hazlett and Scott; Meditation from Thais by Prof. Hazlett; Deux Alouettes by Mr. Kreckman; and Massa Dear, and Our Boat is Off, by the double male quartette.

## Life-long Resident Recounts County History

If you took your chapel "cut" last Friday, you have reason to be sorry. Through the efforts of the committee on special chapels, Mrs. Chas. Ricker of Fillmore was secured to present a paper on the history of Allegany County. Mrs. Ricker, having lived her entire life in this county, was ably qualified to write on this subject of so great interest to us. In her clear and effective style she gave us a picture of the early Indian life, the story of the first white woman, Mary Jamison, and an account of the pioneers who settled this county and of their rigorous life. With remarkable clearness we saw the development of the county from the time of the first store in Fillmore in 1834 even to the present day. Upon mentioning the founding of Houghton Seminary in 1882, Mrs. Ricker paid a generous tribute to the school and to the work it has done.

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### Weekly Food for Thought

Jesus said unto them, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6: 35, 37.

### Editorial

Maximilian Harden, that noted German writer, has published an article entitled "Woodrow Wilson" in which, although he made some mistakes, he has given our late professor-president perhaps the greatest tribute yet penned either by American or foreigner. Harden has analyzed the life of America's supreme idealist exceptionally well. Numerous writers have advocated the idea that Wilson was completely beaten at the peace conference, but to quote Harden. "We owe to him also the fact that France did not make the Rhine her boundary and did not make all Upper Silicia and Danzig, Polish; and that the former German colonies were not allotted outright to our enemies. . . . Wilson and Lenine! These two men strangely joined in death are the only figures that the world war has

placed in an enduring niche of history. . . . Wilson did not see the victory of his cause. But he thought and felt things which no head of a great state before him has ever thought and felt. The humblest and the mightiest of this earth listened to his words which seemed from the threshold of a new era to proclaim a higher morality among nations . . . Wilson accomplished something that has never before seemed possible. He persuaded a great and youthful nation to fight for an ideal, and to demand for its great sacrifice no war indemnity, not even the slightest. The man who performed this miracle could not be a small man."

Since the time when men first became able to express their reactions in print, there has been a great amount of speaking and writing done to bring to the minds of young people the dire consequences of allowing other people to do some of the tasks which had been allotted to them. In other words the "buck passer" was no good, he was lazy and indolent, a loafer. He allowed other people to do his work for him while he rested in an easy chair. Habitually he seemed to play while others worked.

From one point of view the buck passer is a four flusher but from another he is one of the most successful men in the world. The man who is best able to pass the buck will in one sense be the most successful. A successful business man does not try to attend to all the details of his business. He develops the art of buck passing to the highest degree that he can. He purchases the services of a production manager, of a expert accountant, of a sales manager, of a buyer, and of other men: all experts in their line and in this way secures an administration of these departments which he himself could never attain. In this way the best buck passer becomes the greatest success. Try it.

'Tis ever true: The revival of learning---the night before exams.

On account of the Spring recess which opens on April 2 there will be no "Star" printed next week.

The more mature judgment of later times always perceives that victory is not great when inevitable, with no chances for the adversary, and that the man who triumphs over his own weaknesses is the only valient warrior.

Voltaire declared, "It takes twenty years to bring a man from a state of embryo, and that of a mere animal, to the point where his reason begins to dawn. It has taken thirty centuries to know his structure. It will take eternity to know something of his soul."

Did you remember about learning the Scripture verses which are appearing in the Star? Keep your paper folded at that page, on your table today and tomorrow, and learn a bit of the greatest Teacher's lessons. Give His words a place among the lessons for your other teachers and professors.

As we have announced several times before, there will be no so-called June Star printed this year. This number has always been included in the subscription price of the Star for a year but inasmuch as an annual which will correspond to it is being published by an entirely different staff no one will receive it this year with their subscription.

The proportion of students supporting themselves in the various American colleges is estimated as follows: Yale,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ; Princeton,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; University of Chicago,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and the University of the City of New York sixty percent. The self-supporting student constitutes eighty-five percent of Tufts and sixty-eight percent of the University of Washington.

### Ladies Occupy Chair Positions

The chairmen of the standing committees of the student body are as follows:

Committee on Social Functions, Juliana Woods; Committee on Correspondence, Laura Baker; Committee on Christian Work, Helen Davision; Committee on Reception, Harold Douglas.

Watch for a report of complete committees, which will be appointed this week at a joint meeting of the Executive Committee of student body and Chairmen of standing committees.



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The leader of the Tuesday night meeting was Mr. Kemp. In his remarks he encouraged every one to press on to victory, and to make greater use of the three means of grace: prayer, study of God's Word, and verbal testimony.

Although each Christian life is different from every other one, and although the paths of each change from week to week, the same victorious spirit is heard in the several testimonies. The battle is on in many lives, victories are being won by the help of the Holy Spirit and the great value of redemption is being appreciated more and more.

Is it a cross to you, brothers and sisters to pray in public or to witness for your savior? Do not refuse to bear this cross for Him. It will please Him who bore the cross for you, and it will become a joy. Moreover, it will help to remove that man-fearing spirit which

cheats you out of many blessings.

Come to the next meeting with a resolution to offer a prayer to God or to take part in the testimony meeting for Christ's sake.

### Missionary Meeting at Fillmore

Miss Louise Gifford and Miss Helen Davison spoke at a missionary meeting at Fillmore Sunday evening. Both Miss Gifford and Miss Davison spoke on the topic, "The Cost of Missionary Service", basing their remarks on II Samuel 24:24: "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." Miss Gifford considered the cost to great missionaries who have given their lives that the blood-stained banner of Christ might be raised in heathen lands. Miss Davison dwelt on the theme of the cost of missions to the Wesleyan Methodist church---the cost in money, prayer, and lives.

### Inquisition Looms In Near Future

From March 29 to April 2, Houghton students will pass through that dreaded ordeal known as the mid-term exams. These exams have much in common with rain, as they fall equally on the just and the unjust. No one is exempt from the stretching, grinding, nerve-racking agony of trying to tell more than he knows.

There are two ways of preparing for this ordeal. One way is to begin to review at least a week in advance, and to faithfully and systematically digest ten week's work. The other and decidedly more popular way is that form of mental suicide known as cramming. The student avoids thinking about the pending trial until the night before it comes off. Then he literally swallows knowledge in chunks. The latter method of preparation is preferable in that it requires less time and leaves the material decidedly fresh in the mind. However, cramming is an art acquired after years of effort.

Some results of exams are an unusual amount of good resolutions for the coming days, and an unusual amount of requests for prayer.

Evan Molyneaux to Mrs. Bowen when she asked him which of Cicero's orations he liked best.

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### High School to Have New Subjects

It is expected that the High School schedule for the coming year will be slightly different from this year's curriculum. New subjects are being considered which will make the work done by that department even more efficient than at the present.

Economics and Psychology will undoubtedly be introduced the first half. These will continue for twenty weeks, and will be designed especially for Juniors and Seniors. Commercial Geography and civics will take the place of Psychology and Economics the second semester. First and second year people are expected to take advantage of the former.

In the principal's own words---"The high school curriculum for the coming year will be rich."

### East Rushford Sunday Services

After the preliminary service at East Rushford on March 16, at which Mr. David Rees gave the message from the word and Messrs. Enty and Kemp the message in song, the final organization of a Sunday School was effected Sunday, March 23. Mrs. Evans was elected superintendent with the understanding that the representative sent out from Houghton each Sunday should be the assistant superintendent.

Following the Sunday School session and a gospel song by Mrs. Royal Woodhead, her husband delivered a heartfelt message from God's word. We ask your continued prayers for these communities which have not had the gospel privileges as so many of us have had.

### Orchestra and Quartette Plans

The Houghton College Orchestra, assisted by the double male quartet, will give concerts in some of the nearby towns and villages, if plans which are now under way, materialize. The matter is to be presented at the "board meeting" this week. If the action of the board is favorable, immediate action will be taken to prepare a program which will do credit to Houghton as well as to the members of the orchestra and quartet. Prof. Hazlett, who is in charge of the project, is anticipating little or no opposition when the measure is presented to the board.

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Lynn Russell was at home over the week-end.

Paul Readett of Olean was in town Monday evening.

Lilly Fields of Bliss visited Alice Davis over the week-end.

Miss Lulu Tanner spoke in the church at Caneadea Sunday.

Pres. Luckey returned from Allegheny Conference Monday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. John Wilcox are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. George Washbon are spending some time at their daughter's in Cattaraugus.

The sweetness of the sugar camp is luring many of the students from their studies.

Mrs. J. S. Luckey has returned from Mooers, N. Y., where she has been spending two weeks with her mother who is seriously ill.

The College Juniors went down to defeat before the Frosh quintet last Friday afternoon to the tune of 47-33. Woodhead was forced out of the Jun-

ior's line-up on four personals during the last half and his team was obliged to finish with four men.

Several of the students attended a basket-ball game at Belfast Tuesday evening between the Buffalo Hewitts and the Belfast town team. Belfast went down to defeat with the score 39-58.

A permanent mixed quartet has been organized. The members, the Misses Mary Steves and Willa Schroeder, and the Messrs. Irwin Enty and Matthew Gosbee, have been busily at work rehearsing several sacred selections.

The library is taking on a metropolitan appearance. Several new book-racks are in the process of construction. These racks will meet a long-felt need inasmuch as there are several hundred volumes stored away where they are not doing much good, simply because of lack of book space.

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The lecture given in the College Auditorium on Monday evening of this week by Dr. A. Frank Hauser Ph. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Olean, N. Y., was pronounced by many the best lecture of the season.

After getting the audience at "attention!" by several well applied jokes, Dr. Hauser "charged" into his theme of helpful "every day experiences." With many a unique illustration, he brought before the audience four ways in which capital expresses itself: money, brains, energy, and character.

"We can quite profitably learn from our immigrants lessons of earning and saving by honest hard work and sacrifice," he said. Several times he made the statement that "money is myself," since it represents part of my brain, and blood and muscle, expended to earn it. For this reason it should be spent honorably. In other words, "get all you can, but don't 'can' all you get."

We should develop our brain capital by use that we may not become "lonesome" with our own brain. To the students he emphasized the fact that their place in the classroom is their chance. We can be successful, if we will.

The third resource was forcibly expressed in the following statement: "You are beaten before you begin, regardless of money or brains, if you do not apply yourself." Energy must be developed.

In speaking of character, the speaker denounced Darwinism. He declared that, "Character is not made without God." Darwinism destroys immortality in which even the heathen believe. He closed his lecture by beautifully picturing the possibilities of man's developing his God-given powers to all eternity by getting and giving, even as the mighty Amazon receives its many tributaries, making the surrounding land fertile, and finally flowing out into the open sea.

After admirably holding the attention of his audience for over two hours the worthy doctor "halted", leaving with all the feeling that they had spent their time well.

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