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Revival Results

"I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
Praise the Lamb for sinners slain;
Give Him glory all ye people,
For His blood has washed away each stain."

We sang it in chapel Monday morning with hands uplifted and grateful hearts, about 80 per cent. of the students and faculty joining. Then we testified and sang praises until after dinner time and some were too happy to stop then, for praises rang back and forth through the dining hall.

God has graciously poured out his Spirit on Houghton. Prayers of years have been answered. Christians have received a new vision of their wonderful God. Souls have been sanctified. Many students who never before were saved are now with shining faces thanking the Lord for victory over sin.

Brother John W. Cooper was mightily used of God among us. His messages were pointed. He located sin gave the Holy Spirit material to apply to the conviction of souls. We liked the fearless way he declared the full gospel to us. His life was perhaps his greatest testimony to the virtue in the precious blood of Christ. Brother Cooper has a way of talking salvation all the time and to everybody. He seems to have a unique way of preaching the gospel "to every creature". His stay among us has made us feel that we, too, have this privilege; for it now appeals to us as a gracious privilege, to put Jesus Christ into all our walks of life in a larger way than ever before.

The revival has not been confined to the school, as some of the village folk will testify. We are praying that God may help us to keep the spirit of freedom and blessing that now rests upon us. Prayer and praise meetings are more popular in Houghton than anything else. We give God the glory and mean to keep humble before Him. We firmly believe that some souls have settled it eternally to serve God with all their hearts. Others are still seek-

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Meeting of Board of Managers

The Board of Managers for Houghton College met the latter part of last week and transacted their business. Several members remained over Sunday. We believe that our students are pleased to meet men who are representatives of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and who are interested in our institution. We were especially glad to have them with us during part of the splendid revival which God has given us. We are sure they caught some of the inspiration.

Certain of the members of this Board have gone to Syracuse to attend the meeting of the Book Committee, which is held this week.

The Usual Prayer Meeting? NO!

Nothing is usual when God is in it, and God was in the Tuesday night prayer meeting to help and to bless. About a hundred and seventy-five students and faculty and townspeople were present to pray and praise. "It's burning in my soul", "Pentecostal Fire is Falling", "God is still on His Throne" and other songs of victory rang through the chapel among the hundred and four testimonies to the power and grace of God. Determination to follow all the way was often expressed. "The Lord of Hosts is with us" and we will follow Him---by His grace!

High School Honor Roll

Again the high school student body is proud of the fact that twenty-one names appear on the honor roll of that department. Twenty-one names were placed on the list that signified that 80% or over was gained, and sixteen names were entered on the list meaning that the student failed to attain the grade of 80% in only one subject. These lists indicate the splendid work which the high school has accomplished. Considering the fact that the mid-year exams are very much more severe than those taken at the end of the first quarter, the high school feel that they can be justly proud of the above report.

Williams Becomes Gold Captain

Miss Gifford, Debate Captain

On Wednesday after chapel "Eddie" Williams was chosen to guide the destinies of the Gold side replacing "Freddie" Howland who has been compelled to return to his home. The Gold has sustained an inestimable loss with the going of "Freddie". Last year he guided his side to an overwhelming victory both in baseball and tennis, and for this reason, the same honor was bestowed on him this year. He was well liked by his side, a fact not entirely due to his serving them well both on the baseball diamond and the basket-ball court.

Mr. Williams highly deserves the honor which has been given him. He has given as much, if not more, in service to his side, than any other person upon it. He has represented his side in basket-ball and baseball for three successive years; while last year, paired with Henshaw, he won the tennis doubles and besides he was a high point man in track and field. He is the only four point man in school.

Miss Louisa Jane Gifford was elected to lead her side from the debate platform. We expect a great debate.

Basket-ball Tonight and Wed.

The first games of the Purple--Gold seven-game classic will take place tonight, when the aggregations representing the two sides, both men and women, meet for the first time this season on the floor of the Bedford Gym.

Conditions attending this game are in such a chaotic state that no one no matter how well versed in the art of basket-ball, will be able to pick the winning team. The faculty ruling concerning class grades has thrown the biggest wrench into the machinery of Houghton athletics that has ever "jammed the works". No captain has yet been able to pick his team except the captain of the Purple girls. Inasmuch as the faculty have absolutely refused to concede the technical point of

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Editorial

From the standpoint of all, the most successful series of revival services that have been conducted in Houghton in many years, came to a close last Sunday evening. We have been privileged so listen to many masterful expositions of the Scripture by Rev. Cooper, the evangelist. His opinions concerning the atheist, the agnostic and the unbeliever, and concerning those who profess to be disciples of Christian Science, Universalism, Russellism, etc., were drastic in the extreme and rightly so.

He struck the most logical argument against these heresies with the thought that, if there is no life after death, no hell, no God, then the tenor of our theological beliefs will not make the slightest difference, but if we reverse the situation and grant the truth of these things, then how much greater will be the reward of him who has established his faith in God the Father and in Jesus Christ His divine Son. This an old argument but a true and logical one.

However, some of us over-estimate the danger of these heresies. The clergy and the layman talk glibly about the atheist, the agnostic, the higher critic; men who assert that they believe in no God, or at least doubt His existence and the existence of a

divine Christ and a hell. However, we should not fear them or their works too much. They have never done the true Christian religion any permanent harm and they never will. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again." In fact, it is very doubtful if there ever lived a pure, unadulterated atheist or agnostic. In fact, the dying testimony of those who have claimed to be, strengthened rather than weakened the proof of an omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient God and Christ. Almost all, if not all, of those who have professed to be doubters, were only vile hypocrites, truly believing little of what they professed, and only professing as a rule because of the money income derived, of the questionable honor and fame coming therefrom. All of them, when about to quit this earthly sojourn, and when true opinion superseded the artificial ones, as is always the case on a deathbed, admitted in their soul's great agony the existence of an almighty God and Christ. "The fool has said in his heart there is no God." This is true for the fool. Who would dare to assert, however, that such men as Ingersoll, Hume, Paine, and that distinguished historian Gibbon were fools. They only made themselves out to be such for the material gain which they might derive, and then in their last hour gave dying testimony to the existence and divinity of Him Whom they had fought so bitterly.

That distinguished author and apostle of atheism, Hume, admitted his hypocrisy even before his death. At the time of his mother's death he was plunged into the deepest sorrow and affliction. At this time someone told him that his infidel beliefs deprived him of the comfort of thinking that she went to Heaven, as she was a Christian. In answer he used these words: "Though I throw out my speculations on infidelity to the learned and metaphysical world, yet in other things I do not think so differently from the rest of the world as you might imagine." Who will say that this learned man was not a hypocrite?

And so when one tells you that he is an atheist, agnostic, or the like, you have a perfect right to tell him that you are sorry for him but that he is making a fool out of himself. Tell him also that

if he would admit the truth he would say that he believed in God, and that if he refuses to admit it before, he will do so on his dying bed. Sir Francis Newport, a noted infidel of his time, expired with the following words upon his lips, "O, the insufferable pangs of hell."

Seniors.

The examinations seem to have hit some of the Seniors hard. Elwing Petit has not yet returned. We wonder why?

Miss Ada Fladd is at home recuperating after a strenuous semester's work.

We notice that there are seven Seniors on the honor list. This means that someone has done some digging.

The Seniors have answered the call of the Master. There are only two in the class who do not have a definite experience.

Student Body Election Returns

President	-	Mark Bedford
Vice President	-	Paul Steese
Secretary	-	Esther Haynes
Treasurer	-	Fred Bedford
Cheer Leader	-	Earl Tierney
Song Leader	-	Grace Wright

"Be kind and be gentle
To those who are old,
For kindness is dearer,
And better than gold."

The best way to insure yourself against bad habits is to form good ones. The heart, like rich soil will not remain idle and unfruitful. It must yield something. What shall the harvest be?

We'd a lot rather have one redblooded kid in the student body than all the other colors in the rainbow.

"It is better to be right and unknown than to be wrong and talked of by a nation."

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Basket-ball

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of allowing incomplete grades, even when the average was well above the minimum, only four or five know exactly where they stand. Some made a misstep in calculus, others forgot their "trig", several lack themes for rhetoric, several have been unable to pull a grade of ninety in their Freshman orthography. So matters stand in such a disordered condition, that it is impossible to pick the teams with any degree of accuracy.

GOLD MEN

The Gold team, although greatly handicapped by the loss of their veteran captain, "Freddy" who will not be in school this semester, will present a

fast aggregation which seems to be primarily a defensive one. Hussey, veteran center of last year's team, will be in his accustomed position. "Eddie" Williams, of baseball, tennis, and track and field fame, and veteran basketeer for three successive years, will again guard. With him will be both Rees and Henshaw, who when they are used as a defensive combination cannot be outclassed in the college. Baker, "Chuck" Howland and Donahue will act as basket cagers. Baker is a veteran and a wonder, almost never missing a short shot. Both of the other men are newcomers and dark horses. The defense of the Gold should be almost impregnable.

GOLD GIRLS

The Gold girls are perhaps the least known team of any which will compete. Many rumors have been circulated, but no one seems to know exactly who will represent them. However, from what can be gathered, it seems that at least five oldsters will be present. Fero and Bernhoft will endeavor to cage the leather sphere, Anderson will work from a position unusual to her, center, while that great defensive combination, Steese and Baker will guard. It is impossible for the girls to present quite as fast a squad as they did last year, on account of the loss of "Dot" Clark, star forward, but still they will be extremely strong.

PURPLE MEN

There is no secret as to who will represent the Purple on the floor tonight.

Williams and Bentley, stars of the Rushford High School team for some years, will be in their regular positions, center and forward. The versatile I. Enty, conceded by all to be the fastest guard in Houghton, along with his cousin, Maurice Enty, will bear the burden of defense. "Pete" Steese, captain of the team and veteran of years' experience, will work with Bentley. The Purple has an aggregation which has been built for offense and should do some fast work.

PURPLE GIRLS

We have previously commented on the Purple girls, so only their representatives will be here named: McIvor, C.; M. Ackerman, G.; E. Sawyer, G.; E. Loftis, F.; V. Ackerman, F.

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Do You Know Why?

Attendance in chapel has recently been good. We meet God there. In the midst of the Lord's blessing of full salvation upon us, Brother E. F. McCarty, our Foreign Missionary Secretary, spoke to us Friday morning. His message was a challenge to each of us to consecrate our individual personalities to the unconditional service of our Lord. Speaking from the text, "Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus", he presented three characteristics of the mind of Christ: obedience, humility, and love. His personal testimony gave an added inspiration to the truth that God's plan for our individual lives is the best, and that the greatest tragedy is a life half-committed to God.

Instead of chapel "as usual" Monday morning, Professor Wright opened the entire service to praise the Lord in testimony. Surely all heaven rejoiced as the many young converts told of the joy of their new experience. The presence of the Lord was so precious that the service unconsciously extended an extra half hour. I Cor. 15:58.

You never heard the bee complain,
Nor heard it weep and wail;
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Paul---"It's all right when I put on a muffler."

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Rev. F. L. Presley is visiting in town Ruth Luckey was home over the week-end.

President Luckey is attending Board Meeting at Syracuse this week.

Laura Greenler of Greenville College has entered school this semester.

Mrs. Johnson of Pittsfield, Pa. has been visiting her daughter, Doris.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Clark visited his brothet, Marion, at East Koy Sunday.

Mr. Walker, a business man of Syracuse, was in town Tuesday, and spoke to the students in chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed of East Aurora visited at the Lupton and the Mann homes over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hotchkiss, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfer called at M. C. Cronk's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Washbon attended the funeral of Mrs. Washbon's brother, Fremont Arnold of Fillmore, Tuesday afternoon.

AS this is leap year all the Ho'ton belles ought to ring out.

Revival Results

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ing. Our fathers have told of such sweeping revivals but never before have we seen with our own eyes such an ingathering of souls. The unsaved in Houghton are decidedly in the minority and we are earnestly praying that they may soon join in the glad song of the blest. Let us exercise faith and remember, "God is still on the Throne."

"JUST JESTS"

Some of our bright ones around here are to blame for the following: "The word 'Pants' is an uncommon noun, because they are singular at the top and plural at the bottom."

First Student--"Are you sure your folks know I'm coming home with you?"

Second Student--"They ought to. I argued with them a whole hour about it."

Miss Hillpot--Why don't you stop? Those marks mean rest.

Grace W.--What's the use of resting ---let's get thru with it.

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Denton Crowl, well-known newspaper man and successful speaker, delivered his lecture entitled "Two Times Two" at the Houghton College chapel Monday evening. Mr. Crowl possesses the remarkable ability of gaining the interest of his audience, and of retaining that interest. He employed no flowery speeches, but gave a frank, "straight-from-the shoulder" talk that won him friends.

The keynote of this lecture was "service"; and Mr. Crowl took up his subject from the standpoint that the law of service is immutable, as certain as two times two are four. Moreover, God, the Great Architect, had a creative plan when he designed this earth; and that plan has resulted in service. He proved the truth of the later statement by referring to details of God's great plan: first, the transportation of heat from the equatorial regions to the poles thru the medium of the gulf stream; second, the gift to the bear of an appetite that is never satisfied; third, the protection of the owl and the rabbit. Each one of these illustrations was used to demonstrate the superiority of God's methods over man's methods, and the difference between the finite mind and the infinite mind.

In the second part of his message Mr. Crowl discussed service and its application to the world. He stated that the autocratic form of government was, in its day, an example of service since it resulted in the greatest good to the greatest number. However, now that the "education of the masses" has become an established fact, the republican government is the only system in existence at the present time, or known before, that can be practical today. In touching upon the church and service to mankind, he expressed his belief that the reason the churches fail to interest the young generation is the fact they have neglected the value of wholesome humor. "God gave us," he said, "a religion of happiness, not a religion of sorrow."

In conclusion Mr. Crowl made the following statement: "The greatest happiness man gets in this life is in the rendering of some creative service; for service once rendered can never be destroyed."

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