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A New Church Building in Houghton

To those worshipping in Houghton the need of a larger church building has become very apparent. Some excuse themselves from attending services fearing they cannot be seated, although extra chairs are now occupying available space. It is impossible to hold the whole Sunday School there. Two large Bible classes meet at the church; the remainder of the school meets at the College chapel, hold the class study in individual rooms, dismiss ten minutes earlier than the Bible classes and join us at the church for the preaching service. Following the preaching class meeting is held, usually closing at about one o'clock. With but one room not more than one third of those who remain have opportunity to testify in the hour at their disposal.

A meeting of the trustees and stewards, with others interested, met recently to consider the situation. A committee was elected to interview such as should be interested in the building, location and means by which to erect a new church building, and to agitate until the need can no longer be met by present conditions, and until missionary interests and other demands upon us as a denomination shall not be impaired. We feel confident that President J. S. Luckey, Prof. LeVay Fancher, Pastor J. R. Pitt, Bro. H. R. Barnett and Rev. George Clarke are a committee that will find the mind of the Lord, and determine wisely how, where and when the new church should be a reality, a blessing to the community and an honor to God.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our kind friends and neighbors, whose sympathies have been with us and who have aided us so materially in our late bereavement. We especially wish to thank those who sent flowers and who furnished cars.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Crouch and family.

Gymnasium Lockers Arrive

The gymnasium lockers which were ordered some time ago arrived this week. They will be immediately installed in the temporary dressing room which has already been walled up in the basement of the gym.

Mr. Harry Kitterman, new physical training director, is primarily responsible for the purchase and installation of the lockers. Soon after school began, he began to work out a plan for a new locker and dressing room in the gymnasium. The men of the institution backed him to the fullest extent, and almost immediately rented almost sixty lockers at \$2.00 each; thus insuring their purchase.

The gym floor is still in the process of varnishing, and will not be ready for use until Friday, November the sixteenth. Work has been retarded because of lack of labor.

The first game of the season will be staged on that evening between the College Freshmen and the remaining classes in the college. It will be a fast game from the standpoint of the spectators, and a valuable one from the standpoint of the Captains of the Purple and Gold sides. They will be able to get a line on new material for this year's series, which will probably begin immediately with the opening of the second semester. The Freshmen have a fast team although some of their men have never been seen in action here before. The new men who will appear in the line-up will be Bentley, of Rushford, and "Chuck" Howland of Venice Center. Oldsters will be: Steese, star Purple forward of 1921-22-23, Enty, veteran guard of the Purple, and Rees, star back guard of the Gold team. The "Star" will pick the winners next week.

Quarterly Tests Next Week

The first quarterly tests of this school year will be held during the week beginning November 12. The tests will be one hour in length or the duration of a regular class period.

Ya Clarke Makes Plea for Missions

Were you at chapel Friday? Did you hear the stirring message by our Sister Mary Lane Clarke, in which she so vividly pictured the needs of our mission fields? Did you hear Miss Hampe's plea for a Self-denial Month? If you did, you know that Houghton is confronted by the question: Shall we permit our brother and former fellow-student, Floyd Banker, to be kept from the needy field of labor to which God has called him? Houghton answers, "Never".

Of course we will deny ourselves! And by that we don't mean simply that we will do without an "Oh Henry" occasionally, or a package of gum, do we? How about saying good-bye to the alluring dreams of a new winter hat, or a pair of shoes---or, yes, even a fondly anticipated trip home at Thanksgiving time?

And, oh say, students, have you written home about this four hundred dollar self-denial drive? Don't you suppose your father or your mother or your brother or your uncle might have a ten-dollar bill to send you for that purpose? Why not write and find out?

Let's see what Houghton can do! Why not view our task with the optimism of that small boy and say "Aw! this is easy! Gim'me somethin' hard to do!"

Special Meetings End

The special evangelistic services which had been carried on for two weeks closed Sunday night, November 4. These meetings were characterized by the deepening in spirituality of the professed Christians which must precede the salvation of sinners. Many tarried, both at the church and in their rooms, and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit! Altho the meetings have come to an end, yet a spirit of prayer has been inspired which will hold on until victory comes.

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Editorial

IT CAN'T BE DONE.

We would not be at all surprised to hear that some people around here had passed away to the great beyond because of homesickness and lack of excitement. Their general round of activities seem to be included in three general divisions, study, eat, sleep. By way of recreation and physical education, they perform the long and strenuous walk to the postoffice after their mail at about 3:30. You cannot come to school and engage in no activity, except study and the assimilation of nourishment, and at the same time obtain for yourself the greatest good that could be yours, when you are able to call Houghton your Alma Mater. Get into the swim. Attend every meeting that you possibly can. Take an interest in the projects within the school. Work! Work! Work! Play! Don't do it all for yourself but for the undertaking itself. When you do you will find that that blue, boresome, homesick, uncivil look and feeling has slipped away and you barely realize when it went.

DON'T BE A SOAKER

A soaker is one of the most impossible despicable specimens of the human family that we can imagine. He soaks in, as it were, all the knowledge and good things that the outside world may

throw at his feet and gives nothing in return. Are there any around Houghton? Decide the answer for your self and if the shoe fits put it on.

THE MAGNITUDE OF

your love for your school depends upon what you do for her, the sacrifices that you have made for her, and not what she has done for you.

SOME PEOPLE'S

idea of a perfect vacation is to stand around for two weeks watching the other fellow work. Some people around here seem to be on a vacation most all the time.

THE "STAR"

has just adopted a new motto for the office. "It is all right to knock on the door but quit when you get in."

SAY FELLOW-STUDENTS,

there is a lot of people here who are heavily endowed with that elusive part of the physical being that we are pleased to call brains. That is a laudable circumstance provided that those who are so endowed do not know it too well. The longer that we exist on this earth, we lean more and more toward the conclusion that there is no one so good in any one thing that they cannot be beaten. There is no athletic record ever been set that cannot be shattered. You may be the best tennis player, or the best basketball forward in Houghton, or in the world for that matter, but you won't have to look very long or very far before you will find some one who is just a little better. You may be a star in languages or in science, or mathematics, BUT don't get the idea in your head that you are better than any one else in the world. We admit that there is just about one chance in a billion that you will not soon find some one just a little better.

THERE ARE A LOT

of other people who have done some great things in the past (according to them) but they do not seem to be able to accomplish much at present. Back home they are wonders but we fail to see it here. The fact is, that we do not care how many baskets that you looped, how many homers you knocked, how many perfect placements that you sliced over the net in tennis, or how high your standings were back

there. WE want to know and see what you can do NOW.

Never boast of bygones,
Or glorify your past,
But battle with the present
For time is flying fast.
Leave off the old time stories.
Put strength behind the plow
It isn't what you used to be,
But what you are right now.

Selected.

Things might move faster if some people would get more brains in their back and less in their heads.

A conductor is the only person in the world who can tell any one where to get off. Are you a conductor?

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"The Lure of the Game"

by Hussey

In this world of wealth and beauty, where true friends are quickly found, to each great outstanding duty there is some alluring sound. But the gentle, rhythmic patter of a dribbled basketball is the strange enchanting clatter of the grand gymnastic hall. As the sunshine draws the flowers, as the honey lures the bees, as the ocean's canny powers drive sailors to the seas; so the odd but even rapping of the well shaped leather sphere is the power that does the mapping of a man's sporting career. What an overjoyed sensation when the ball is in your hands! What excited exultation when you hear your capt's. commands! Then with nerves and muscles stirring, with your eyes upon the ball, with your vision strangely blurring you await the signal call. When the whistle's given warning, you dash forth to raise the score. With a smile your face adorning, you start dribbling down the floor. If you miss your calculation, you continue just the same. For you feel that exultation that strange lure of the game.

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High School Observations

After waiting in vain for some time, the High School people now have reason to believe that the piano, which was to be purchased from the proceeds of the Hartmann concert, will soon be placed in the High School study hall. The faculty board have ordered that a fine Fisher piano be purchased. This piano now sells for five hundred dollars, but because of Mr. Hartmann's sacrifice, we are able to obtain it at a greatly reduced price.

High School physical training has been halted for some time on account of the unfinished condition of the gymnasium floor. However, the varnishers are now at work. We therefore expect to continue our physical education in the near future.

The value of the reading table in the High School study hall has been greatly increased by the addition of a few magazines. The students are asked to prove the value of these periodicals by reading them.

Houghton Upholds Missionary Traditions

Houghton College is decidedly and progressively missionary. She is making no radical departures in her missionary policy. There is no need for such a departure. We all know perfectly well that when we cease to be missionary we cease to be Christian. We believe in, and many of our number enjoy, a red-hot experience in holiness of heart and life. The Holy Spirit is energizing the saints to pray, work, plan, and sacrifice for the entire kingdom of God. As a result, the school is accepting as a challenge the immediate needs of our missionary interests. Prayer comes first, last, and always and God is helping us to pray. This course leads to a desire for information and such information is being given. The special chapel on Friday contributed general information concerning the entire field. On Tuesday night Sister Tanner gave us a glimpse into the present need for medical missionaries. And now we are going to help God answer our prayers. This is to be a month of self-denial. Candy, ice cream, gum and all luxuries are to be tabooed, and the price of the same

is to be given to the Y. M. W. B. to the work and worker whom he loves. We have launched out on the sea of opportunity. Our craft is in ship-shape, and the Holy Spirit is filling our sails with an unconquerable faith; we are all on board except Banker, whom we shall pick up about November 21 in New York harbor, and we are enroute toward the harbor of Victory. We expect to land Banker in India with \$400 and a marriage license, and proceed to the other harbors as God shall direct.

ERRATUM

We take this opportunity to correct an error in last week's "Houghton Locals." The item should have read, "Mrs. Percy Rich visited her sister, Ruth Foster over the week-end."

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Sunday School	10.00 a. m.
Preaching	11.00 a. m.
Children's Meeting	3:00 p. m.
Young People's Meeting	6:45 p. m.
Preaching	7:30 p. m.
Prayer-meeting	Thur. Eve. 7:30 p. m.

Caneadea M. E. Church

Sunday School	11:30 a. m.
Preaching	10:30 a. m.

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Sunday School	1:30 p. m.
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Molecules, atoms, electrons, ninety-three million miles! How much of these can you comprehend? And yet our God comprehends them all and cares for them---He made them all. Such was the theme of Prof. Boardman's chapel talk on Monday, one of the most unique we have listened to this year.

By dividing an eight-inch block into eight parts, and again into eight parts, until it looked very small to us, then telling us to divide it in like manner seventeen times more, he tried to give us some conception of a molecule of matter. When one reaches the fourteenth division he has a particle too small to be seen by the highest power microscope. And yet these molecules are made up of yet smaller atoms, and the atoms of still smaller electrons. The infinitesimal atom contains a whole constellation itself. There is a nucleus having a positive electric charge and electrons with negative charges revolving around it like the planets around the sun.

Prof. Boardman tried likewise to give us some idea of the ninety-three million miles which separate us from the sun, of the stars whose light comes to us hundreds, or perhaps thousands, of years after it has left the star, and of the relative sizes of earth and sun.

Incomprehensible immensities these; Incomprehensible minuteness those. How great our God is! What folly to refuse the care and direction of our lives to one who holds the stars in his fingers, who regulates the constellations of the electrons.

We were much pleased with the helpful talk on "How to Accomplish Undying Tasks", given on Tuesday by Rev. Hawkins of Orchard Park, N. Y. "Undying tasks," he said, "are accomplished by work, travel (or experience), solitude and prayer."

Next week we will listen to Prof. Hazlett on Monday, Miss Fancher on Tuesday, Prof. Whitaker on Wednesday, and Thursday to be supplied. Friday's chapel will be in anticipation of National Education Week. The program will consist of devotionals, musical selections, a reading by Royal Woodhead, and the President's Proclamation for National Education Week by Mary Williams.

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HOUGHTON LOCALS

Keith Farner of Buffalo was in town Saturday.

We are glad to see Lloyd Tingley in our midst again.

Earl Weaver and family spent Sunday at Will Calkins.

C. J. Crandall and family autoed to West Pike, Pa., Saturday.

Harold Lee of Oberlin College visited his family, Saturday and Sunday.

Edmond Peek returned Monday evening from Wheeling, West Virginia.

Rev. Hawkins and son, Luther of Orchard Park visited the College, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kitterman and son, Eugene motored to Dayton, N. Y. Saturday.

Donald Schumann, Frank Henshaw, Clinton Donohue and Elmer Hudson spent the week-end in East Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. William Vincent of Rochester and Mrs. Trowbridge of Mooers were guests of President Luckey, Saturday evening and Sunday.

Lloyd E. Pike, expert accountant of Buffalo, who is incorporating a perma-

nent bookkeeping system for the Allegheny Lumber Company, was at Pres. Luckey's, Monday.

Mr. Guy Atwood and Miss Bertha Hamilton from Pavillion, N. Y. visited at Rev. F. H. Wright's, Sunday. Mr. Atwood was formerly a member of Rev. Wright's congregation of the Wesleyan church at West Chazy. Miss Hamilton is a member of the faculty of Batavia High School.

The regular Bible study meeting of the Berean Sunday School Class was held at the home of Arthur Grange, Wednesday evening. Under the leadership of David Rees the first two chapters of Galatians were discussed. Be sure that you are present at the next meeting. Watch the "Star" for the announcement.

B. J. Babbitt and family of Washington, D. C., recently visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Babbitt. Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt are alumni of Houghton. Mr. Babbitt has just left his position at Washington, which was research work in the Bureau of Standards, and is now taking a position with the Western Electric Company of Chicago.

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Ku Klux Klan Hold Meeting

(This article was written neither for propagating the principles of the K. K. nor to spread the idea that we are inclined toward them. It is to be regarded simply as a report.)

Wiscoy, N. Y., November 6, 1923---
A meeting announced by the Ku Klux Klan was the occasion of great excitement in Wiscoy, Monday evening. Long before the appointed time the church was crowded with expectant citizens. At precisely 9:15 p. m., Rev. VanAyne of Alfred appeared very suddenly and took his place in the pulpit. He introduced himself as a Klansman and gave an enthusiastic address on, "The Christian and Patriotic Ideals of the Klan".

He declared that the Klan was opposed neither to the negro as a race or the Catholics as a denomination, but was against any one who was un-American. He pictured the life and death of Christ and stated that his principles were the ideals of the Klan.

The speaker said, in substance, that the Klan was opposed to anything that undermines a great democracy. He then made an eloquent plea for the little red school house and the Christian ideals which it taught.

He urged voters to choose good men regardless of party, such as Governor Pinchot. He scourged men for not attending church and declared that to be a true American one must follow the principles of Jesus Christ. He condemned the evil of divorce, giving, "One man for one woman" as the ideal for the Klan. He showed how the Jew had led America into sin for money and were even prepared to "buy up the Klan when it gets on a paying basis".

Rev. VanAyne closed his address by asking all who would follow the principles of Jesus Christ to stand to their feet. The audience rose almost as a whole, and quietly left the church, each feeling his responsibility as an American.

The Thanksgiving "Star" will be published on Wednesday, November 28th instead of Friday. All copy for this "Star" must be in by Monday morning. Staff remember.

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