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## Sophomores and Juniors Enjoy Outings

In spite of the dismal and rainy character of the afternoon last Friday, this week-end seemed to be a favorite for at least two of the high school classes. The Sophomores and Juniors were the privileged ones, each of these groups enjoying a class party. The Sophomores were obliged to hold their entertainment on the camp grounds because of the rain; but the Juniors braved the raging elements and journeyed to Moss Lake. The Juniors were privileged to build a fire in the open, and around this the happy company sat while they roasted their hot-dogs in the roaring flames. The supper menu was complete with the addition of a few other articles including cake and cocoa. After the luncheon games were played, stories told, and songs sung. The company dispersed in time to reach the dorm by ten o'clock.

A similar outing was enjoyed by the Sophomores except that supper was served in the dining hall on the camp ground. Hamburg steak was fried thus departing from the regular custom of roasting hot-dogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Merideth acted as chaperons for the Sophomores while Miss Fero and Miss Molyneaux accompanied the Juniors.

## Again Disappointed

We are all very much disappointed by the fact that our Principal has not as yet seen fit to speak to us in chapel exercises. Nevertheless we believe that her abilities as a teacher fully atone for her alleged non-ability as a public speaker. She has secured, however some very fine substitutes. Let us still hope that we will enjoy a few words of advice from her personally in the near future.

"A typewriter", says a local paper, "may be an old machine or a pretty girl." In this case it is a harassed editor.

## Faculty More Lenient

The heart of the faculty softened when they saw that we would be subjected to such severe cuts in our marks if we should have to be absent from a class or two. So in their meeting last week they decided to allow us two unexcused absences from each class before our marks would be affected. We thank you, dear faculty.

## T. Basil Young Visits Houghton

Dr. Young, who is traveling over Allegany County in the interest of religious education, gave Houghton a visit Monday. He was on his way to Fillmore to hold a convention in the interest of Sunday School work. He gave an inspiring talk in chapel showing the drift in the methods of education and their effect upon religion since colonial days. He pointed out that because religion had been crowded out of the life of the child except for a few minutes on Sunday there were several dangers.

First, the child would think that religion was of little importance.

Second, we would soon come to Bible illiteracy.

Third, our ignorance of the Bible is dangerous to democracy.

To overcome these dangers, there were three remedies:

First, the placing of a higher type of teachers in our schools.

Second, the taking advantage of the law which grants the privilege of teaching religion one hour a week on public school time.

Third, the holding of daily vacation Bible schools.

At the convention in Fillmore Dr. Young emphasized these points and in the evening moving pictures illustrating Bible stories were shown.

The girls' baseball teams of both the Purple and Gold sides are creating much enthusiasm among the students. We are proud to say that the High School is producing some of the best players on both sides. We hope the girls will keep the good work going and that we will soon see a snappy game.

## Food for Thought

Thought produces emotion. Emotion not acted upon is dangerous. Consider this:

Our Missionary Board is \$10,000 in debt.

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We have all we need for comfort and more.

If you consider the above and remain unmoved, you are dead. If these facts stir you, let your emotion grow. We will tell you how to act upon it next week.

## Girls' Basketball Looks Good

Girls' basketball for this season looks better than last year, and call for players will be made as soon as the gymnasium is in condition for practice.

The Gold of necessity rate lower than last year on account of the loss of "Dot" Clark who was the best girl player who has ever appeared upon the Houghton court. However, they again have Laura Baker, stellar guard of the Gold team of 1921-22; Laura Steese, guard of winning team for two successive years and new captain of the Gold side, not to mention Williams and Fero excellent all-around players for several years.

The Purple will be forced to find two or three new court stars to replace Jones and Carsons of last years team. The oldsters who will appear in the line-up will be "Vi" Ackerman, captain of the Purple this year and one of the best players that ever upheld the glory her side; Marion Ackerman, cousin of the redoubtable "Vi", and a star guard; also Delight Ware, a newcomer last year who played a great defensive game. Melvor is the only star recruit we can speak of at present but she comes to us highly recommended as a seasoned juggler of the leather sphere.

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**Editorial**

We are more than pleased to publish the following article written by one of our loyal supporters, Mrs. David Anderson. Brief articles of like tenor are always gladly received.

The Editor.

**REMINISCENT**

As we sat in the well-filled assembly room of Houghton College on the evening of October 17, listening to the musical recital rendered by Mr. Arthur Hartmann, famed violinist, sweet memories of some of the yesterdays were vividly recalled.

Part (c) of the second number on the program was, "Theme and Variations on the G string entirely. (1782-1840) Paganini-Hartmann." This was largely responsible for the pleasant recollections.

About eight years ago, we had the privilege of attending a camp-meeting at Wilmington N. Y., in the Adirondacks. It was the first time we were ever in a mountainous section of country, and were enraptured with nature as we saw it then. We especially enjoyed the clouds as they nestled around the mountain heads; also old White Face as it stood at a distance in all its rugged and imposing grandeur.

One day as we sat in the tabernacle during a morning service conducted by Rev. Kunz of Syracuse (now president

of the National Holiness Association) we were absorbed in the words of the speaker as he preached from,---

(a) "Let every man bear his own burden."

(b) "Bear ye one another's burdens."

(c) "Cast thy burdens on the Lord."

Little did we know what the Lord had in store for us that morning until its glory burst upon us. As the speaker neared the close of his remarks he made use of an illustration, "Paganini and the one string of the violin." It seems as Paganini stood before his audience tuning his instrument he broke a string. (Evidently this was done for a purpose.) Then another string snapped and yet another. Holding up his violin to the now vastly amused audience, he exclaimed, "Paganini and one string! He then proceeded to give them an evening's entertainment on the G string.

We heard no more of the sermon that morning. The power and glory of God enveloped us as we realized the great Master Artist can bring out what He will from any individual life, no matter how meager the talent, if only that life be tuned in harmony with Heaven. The indescribable sweetness and sublimity of that hour cannot be effaced. We felt as surely as God met Moses at the burning bush, he met us that hour and we found ourselves exclaiming, "Earth's crammed with Heaven and every bush and tree is afire with God, but only those who see take off their shoes"; "Tread gently for the echo of thy footsteps shall resound throughout eternity"; "Oh the unsearchable riches of Christ, wealth that can never be told." "Not a sound invades the stillness, not a form invades the scene save the voice of my Beloved

and the person of my King, precious, gentle, holy Jesus, blessed Bridegroom of my heart, in the secret inner chamber thou dost whisper what thou art; Thou dost; thou dost; thou dost." but finding words to weak to convey what we could ne'er express yet could not all conceal. We cried, "Oh! oh! oh! oh! what can we do, how can we praise Him!"

Giving vent to our emotions merely? No. the supernatural had touched the soul and was controlling us. We felt we were no more responsible for what swept over our soul that morning than was the violin for its sweet strains of music while in the hands of Mr. Hartmann. But the practical application was what brought the intense feeling.

We shall remember with pleasure and profit the evening of October 17, 1923.

**What Will We Do With Jesus?**

This question's coming to us with unusual force during the special meetings. It comes to each individual, and we must answer for ourselves. We may drift with "the bunch", but yet the responsibility is our own.

We are making our answer, not to the preacher nor to the Christians, but to the Lord Jesus Christ. We have to do with Him alone.

This question cannot be lightly set aside. We are deciding by defiance, by intentional absence from the meetings, by feigned indifference, or else by making room in our hearts for the truth.

The gospel is being sounded forth with no uncertain sound. God's people are interceding for us. We will never have the same opportunity. Can we afford to again harden our hearts?

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**4th Annual Harvest Day**

On Friday, Oct. 19, Houghton College realized one of her greatest Harvest Days in a material way. At the usual chapel hour the time was devoted entirely to Harvest Day topics. The program was in charge of the W. H. & F. M. S. of Fillmore, N. Y.

President Luckey in a few introductory words gave much credit to Mrs. Northam, recently retiring president of the W. H. & F. M. S., for the introduction of a Harvest Day which has proved to be the connecting link between the Missionary Society and our educational work. At first the idea was to donate provisions for the dormitory. Later, however, the vision has broadened to unlimited bounds, and cash offerings are now made from distant societies.

The opening exercises were as follows:

Song	Congregation
Devotionals	23rd Psalm in Concert

Prayer	Alice Hampe
Song	Congregation
Reading	Mrs. Benjamin
Solo	Miss Gillette

Following this program of the Fillmore Society, representatives from different conferences spoke.

Miss McMillan of the Allegany Conference spoke on "Why We Want and Need a Christian School."

Miss Gray of the Michigan Conference brought greeting from there. This talk was unique in that she gave an unusually interesting historical sketch of the foundation of the W. H. & F. M. S. She told of the six ladies who, in a prayer room at Romulus, Mich., caught the vision and organized the society. Of these six, only Mrs. Grey remains to see the vast work and enthusiasm spreading as a result of their devotion and consecration.

Mrs. McLeister, new general president of the Missionary Society, spoke words of greeting and encouragement to all.

At the conclusion of the program President Luckey gave a report of forty-two societies which have thus far reported.

They were, by conferences:

Allegany	\$133.36
Champlain	101.60
Lockport	180.30
Michigan	419.15
Rochester	214.07
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The President expressed his belief that the total would reach \$2,000 easily, by the time all the remaining societies reported. This work is certainly encouraging, and deserves credit and appreciation.

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**Seniors.**

The Seniors are all very busy but have found time to discuss class pins and rings. The big question now is are we going to have silver or gold? and in view of the fact that our school is supported by a church which does not approve of wearing gold the most of us will order silver class emblems.

The class of '24 has been invited to a hallowe'en party but our Lord and Master is giving us a greater invitation in the church, so we will go and serve Him.

Several of our girls have been walking lame. "Pep" is not lacking in our class. The girls are playing baseball and we have senior girls on the diamond.

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Specials in all lines are supposed to be the exception rather than the rule, are they not? In the matter of chapels, however, the specials are the rule, and the regulars the exception. Very interesting and helpful occasions they have been, however, and we are delighted at the opportunity we are having of listening to those from far different localities, and of widely diverse occupations.

Rev. Oneida McMillan's address given on Thursday, on the text, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," was most inspiring. The purpose of every listener to live the life of faith and courage, the life which will be without regrets, was strengthened, I am sure. And not the least important element in bringing about this result, was the strong, courageous life back of the words that were spoken.

On Monday, T. Basil Young, Secretary of the New York State Sunday School Association called our attention to the lack of religious education in this country. Seventy per cent of all the boys and girls have no formal religious instruction. The introduction of week-day religious education and the daily vacation Bible school is helping to meet the need, but even with these measures, there is still much to be done.

After waiting long for the opportunity of hearing one of our pastor's excellent chapel talks, due to the occasion of so many other specials, we were more than rewarded by his Tuesday address.

Something new in the line of chapel talks was given us on Wednesday, when a representative of the University of the State of New York spoke on art and its close relation to all, whether they are particularly interested in it or not. How to dress well, and how to arrange the furniture and hangings of a room were her principal subjects.

Next Monday, it is probable that Professor Wright will speak; Tuesday, Mrs. Bowen; Wednesday, Professor L. H. Fancher; and Thursday, Rev. Pitt. Friday's chapel will be given over to the Y. M. W. B. Of course, it is understood that these arrangements are all subject to change without notice.

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**Splendid School Spirit Shown!**

Tuesday, October 16, was chosen as the day when the school should be called upon to express their sentiment concerning Houghton College Orchestra. The orchestra needed new drums and music, and the best way to reveal the attitude of the student body toward an orchestra and also to procure the necessary funds for the above articles, was thought to be a "Tag Day".

Both students and faculty responded with the maximum of school spirit. Hardly a person could be found who was not wearing a tag, and thus the orchestra was given a start of a little over forty dollars for its expenses.

But keep your tags: they will admit you to the "Great Concert" to be given by the most apt aggregation of musical artists ever assembled in Houghton College. Coming; watch the "Star"!

**Gymnasium Soon to be Ready!****Locker Room to be Constructed**

The new hardwood floor in the Bedford Gymnasium is now completely sanded, and within the next week or two will be varnished, lined, and ready for use. It will be ready none too soon. The lure of the leather sphere and iron hoop is upon us. Conjectures as to the personnel of the Purple and Gold teams are heard on every side, and the old members of the squads are becoming a little homesick to hear the steady patter of a perfect dribble down the floor.

The athletic associations have ordered new equipment for the season, and already several new balls and hoops are on the way.

Thru the influence of Mr. Harry E. Kitterman, our new director of athletics, a temporary dressing room is to be constructed in the basement of the gym for use during the fall and winter while permanent ones are being built. These dressing rooms are to be the last word, as it were, in gymnasium equipment. Completely separated from each other by a partition running more than half the length of the basement, containing shower bath, steel lockers, and thoroughly equipped for first aid, they will be the biggest boon to Houghton athletics since the building of the gym itself.

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**Parent-Teacher Ass'n Meets**

The second Parent-Teacher Association meeting for the year 1923-24 was held in the schoolhouse, October 19. The subject considered was "Preventing Bad Habits in Children."

The topic for November is "Anger and its Effects." Miss Clarke and Mrs. Meach are to introduce the theme with original papers. Come and help in the discussion. Visitors welcome.

And now one of our recent husbands complains that his young bride washed the ice and put it out in the sun to dry. Let's see, who are our newly-weds?

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