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Profitable Arbor Day Tennis Courts Improved. Dinner Enjoyed.

Plans had been made to hold Arbor Day on Wednesday of last week. However, the unanimous vote of the faculty based on the age-old saying "Rain on Monday, rain all week," prophesied bad weather for Wednesday. Thus, Arbor Day was postponed until Thursday, with the provision that the faculty's weather chart recorded favorable atmospheric conditions.

Thursday morning dawned bright and clear, and climatic conditions seemed excellent for a vigorous day spent with the pick and shovel as companions. The students loyally supported the cause, and turned out four million strong for the work. They were divided into groups as usual, and under the direction of captains, started in for a laborious but enjoyable day.

While the male portion of the student body remodeled the tennis courts, and did other necessary work on the campus, the girls were busy with rakes, cleaning up in general, and improving the roads. Work on the roads was also done by the boys, who neatly trimmed the grass along the highway edges.

Promptly at twelve o'clock the glad summons for dinner was heard. The scene might have been likened to the Revolutionary Period when the plow was left in the furrow; for tools were carelessly dropped where they had been used, and the dining hall was the chief

place of attraction. In the midst of rollicking yells and songs, a bountiful dinner was enjoyed, thanks to Miss Grange and her helpmates.

After the meal, work on the tennis courts was resumed. The students worked diligently while the results of the decisive world series baseball game was broadcasted to them from the porch of President Luckey's home.

When the day had drawn to a close, much important work had been accomplished. The tennis courts are in better shape than ever before, being fitted out with new backstops, and deprived of weeds. The amelioration to the campus is very noticeable, with improved highways, and a new path from the college building to President Luckey's residence. In fact, this section of the hilltop indicates a visit of the "Gold Dust Twins." As a whole, the day was a veritable roaring success.

Boulder Staff at Work

Friday, October 2, the president of the college junior class called a meeting of the juniors of all departments of the school. His purpose was to read the appointments for the Boulder Staff of '25-'26. The members of the staff are:

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We feel very confident that this staff will put out a Boulder which will be as good if not better than any previous Boulder.

The work has already been started. Pictures have been taken of our campus which will show the beauty of Houghton more than those that have been taken in the early spring. Regular weekly meetings have been planned. Though each member on the staff promises to do his best, still we must have the co-operation of all Juniors, yes, of all students if we make this Boulder a success.

Royal Holland Bell Ringers Coming

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these, 'It might have been'."

— "Mona's Waters"

The true significance of these sorrowful words is never fully appreciated until one has actually experienced the sensation of longing for time and opportunity to return. Probably all of you have. Everyone agrees that experience is the best teacher, but how many heed her voice any more than they do the announced Sophomore English tests on Fridays, or Chemistry tests, on—oh, most any time? Why is it that the inertia of the will should dominate the actions of human beings? It should not be.

Then, let us realize that the lecture course for this season is going to prove a source of regret for someone. Why? Because he did not attend. Is this "someone" going to be you?

On next Wednesday evening, October 28, the Holland Bell Ringers will be here to favor us with a musical program of excellent quality. Come and enjoy them.

Christian Workers Meet

On Sunday afternoon, October 18, the students who are definitely preparing for Christian work met in the chapel. Professor Wright gave a discussion of the problems which confront every Christian worker. He pointed out the fact that the problems are universal and not simply local. One of the greatest problems is that of a leadership which merely makes a profession. For success it is absolutely necessary to have a consecrated leadership.

Professor Wright gave a few startling statistics which prove the need for increased personal work. We were made to feel that there are great opportunities for spreading the Gospel in the vicinity of Houghton.

Another meeting will be held next Sunday afternoon for the purpose of discussing means for meeting the problems which were presented last Sunday.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

The Good Work Goes On

The Blessing of the Lord is attending the Extension Work of the Theological Department

As the spies went over into Canaan and brought back a good report, so the Christian workers who are going out into the surrounding country are very much encouraged at the prospects before them. The efforts at Allen Center last Sunday were blessed with the conversion of one young lady. This conversion has stimulated the eagerness of the workers, Mr. Enty and Mr. Rees, for the revival services which they expect to hold in this community during the Thanksgiving vacation. Good reports were received also from Dutch Hill and Fox Hill. Mr. LeRoy represented Houghton at Dutch Hill; Mr. Hess, Mr. Lutz, Mr. Tucker and the Misses Viola and Luella Roth at Fox Hill.

The churches at Portageville and Freedom seemed greatly pleased with the programs which the Houghton students furnished them last Sunday evening. At Portageville, the service was missionary, three of the speakers, Miss Driscall, Miss Davidson, and Mr. Hess representing countries to which they hope to go, and the fourth speaker Mr. Boyd speaking on "Tibet". Seventeen Houghtonites were present at this meeting.

The service at Freedom was evangelistic. From the very beginning the presence of the Lord was felt in a remarkable way, making it very easy for those who took part. In both places, the people were very hospitable and served their guests with splendid luncheons.

Next Sunday evening, the Lord willing, services will be held at the Baptist church at Rushford, and the Wesleyan church at Fillmore, the latter service being missionary.

Athenian Hike

"Is everybody here? Let's go then." And thus, with "Bill" as leader, the Athenians started on their chestnut hike Friday afternoon. Over the hills they went until finally they reached a little nook where sweaters and blankets were left, while the company proceeded further to hunt chestnuts, of which there was not an abundance. After

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Our Goal

Alumni and friends—in short, all who are interested in the "Star" and its future, give me a moment or two of your attention and consideration. The success of our paper—of your paper—is largely dependent upon you. Two hundred subscriptions have already been received, one hundred seventy-five of which have come from the student body of Houghton College and Seminary. We expect twenty-five more from the students, but we have placed our "Star" quota at three hundred subscriptions. Are we expecting too much? Indeed we are not, and our expectations will be fully realized if every friend and alumnus of Houghton responds to that loyalty which eb possesses. Please send us your subscription at once. Thank you.

Perry Tucker

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Editorial

Mental Suicide

"Wasn't that speaker dry?" is a remark very often heard from even college students at the close of a lecture, a class, or a chapel service. In most cases the author of such a statement spent the time of the discussion in trivial amusement and dispersed attention. He would be unable to recall a half dozen statements of the speaker. Such a lack of discipline produces inevitably a process of mental suicide.

When Benjamin Franklin was asked the secret of his versatility and great store of knowledge, he replied that it was probably due to the fact that he early in life had made it a rule to learn something from every man with whom he had anything whatsoever to do. Any attitude other than that of this great statesman is one of pride and does not characterize the truly great. But with a life dominated and motivated by a God-given purpose, every student should find attention to a speaker worthwhile, even if it be only mental discipline.

Appreciation of Things

We are pleased to think that the criterion of our choices is the idea of worth. Values are the rule by which we suppose that we govern our actions and make our decisions. But let us

Our President's Message

However, after all that has been said in favor of other forms of association, the fact remains that in a co-educational institution the greatest part of association will be group association of the two sexes. The forms of this kind of association are so varied that it is difficult to make a classification, but in general we are able to distinguish four classes: First, un contemplated meetings of groups on the campus, in the halls, on the street, at stations, in trains, in the post office, ad infinitum; second, informal social parties; third, formal social functions; and fourth, public meetings, such as public worship, lectures, etc.

President King of Oberlin College has said that the way in which we spend our leisure time counts for more in our lives than the way in which we spend our working hours. Without doubt a large part of our leisure time is spent in these un contemplated meetings of groups, how important then that we should learn to make these hours count towards something worthwhile. If we will conform to three laws, the law of kindness, the law of modesty, and the law of service; we will find our ideals on a higher level and our associations counting for much more. The law of kindness will mean that we will do nothing to injure another. Often in a group there is one who is timid or awkward or for some other reason not on a par with the others. Sometimes such a one is made the butt of ridicule, cruel jokes, and tricks. The law of kindness forbids all this. The law of kindness means that never by word or deed will aught be done to injure the character of another person. Every word and every act should be as pure as heaven is pure. Every caution should be used to avoid even the appearance of evil. The law of modesty will forbid all loud, boisterous, or unseemly conduct. How disgusting it is to cultured people to be compelled to witness the ill manners of boys and girls in the various places already mentioned, and how it lowers in the estimation of sensible people the home or school from which these young people come. The law of service will urge every one to do his best to help others, as individuals and to help the group as a whole. It will mean that every one will try to do his part in making the time pass pleasantly and profitably for the whole group.

J. S. Luckey.

To be continued

ask ourselves; do we have a true appreciation of things?

An instructor in penmanship emphasizes the importance of good writing, while a rhetoric teacher declares, justly so, that there is no excuse for incorrect form and wretched orthography. These are only two cases requiring attention to be given to details. How often we forget these things and brand them as insignificant.

Take a look at the bulletin boards and see the indications of character. Appearances are not everything, but they mean a great deal.

A Chapel Treat

Those who were absent from chapel last Friday, October 16, missed one of the finest special chapels of the season. After conducting the devotionals, President Luckey announced the special feature of the day, a group of readings by our oratory teacher, Miss Rishell.

Her first selection was that well-known poem by Sam Walter Foss, "The House by the Side of the Road".

Her rendering of this beautiful bit of philosophy made every one present feel it his highest ideal to

"live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man."

After well-deserved applause, Miss Rishell announced her next reading as "The Little Scottish Martyrs". With bated breath all listened to one of the saddest little stories ever written—a tale of two darling Scotch children who died rather than betray a friend.

For her concluding selection, our entertainer gave one of her favorite poems, "L'Envoi" by Kipling. As an expression of her own feelings, Miss Rishell gave the beautiful words a significance which made an appeal to every heart.

Prayer the Solution

The Tuesday evening prayer-meeting was blessed by the presence of God. After several songs and a number of prayers, Mr. Carey read from II Kings 19, first, the prayer that Hezekiah sent

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a frolic in the woods, they returned to the spot selected for supper. And then it began to rain! But did that put a damper on the fun? No, indeed not, for it just added to the excitement of the occasion. Seated around the fire, all partook of the bountiful supply of weiners and other good things provided by the social committee. After singing some school songs, the party wended its way "Back to dear old Houghton" crossing ditches, jumping fences, slipping, and sliding along in the darkness. Mr. Yetter seemed quite unable to keep his feet on the ground. However, all reported a good time in spite of the weather and bad roads.

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to the throne of God after he had received Sennacherib's blasphemous message and exhortation to distrust God, and then, of the victorious result of Hezekiah's faith and prayer. "Likewise," said our leader, "we may take all things, big or little, to the Lord and find Him equal to the circumstances. Prayer is the secret of success, the solution to every problem, and it fills the life with the fragrance of God." Following another season of earnest prayer twenty-four students witnessed to the grace of God and their determination to be faithful.

Christian students, we know that prayer changes things and the lives of young people as well, so let us keep prayed up and make each student's prayer-meeting an inroad against the forces of sin. God grant that we may have the faith of our fathers and obedient hearts filled with His spirit.

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Darkness Fails to Disturb Society

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All who listened to the program last Monday night, can say that they received an addition to their education free, for the topic, "The Present Status of the Aviation Problem" was adequately discussed by Mr. Christy. A piano solo was given by Miss Miller, in which she showed her ability to play in the dark (when the lights went out). Mr. Donahue talked on the subject, "A Current Event of Live Interest" in which he presented arguments in regard to the old and new system of athletics. The program was concluded by a "Summary of Current Events" by Miss Taylor.

Tonsorial Artists Among High School Seniors

The Senior Class has started the year's activities in the form of a chestnut hike and weiner roast. At four o'clock, Wednesday afternoon about twenty seniors started over the hills, laden with baskets of good things, in quest of chestnuts and a good time.

After filling their pockets with chestnuts, they went to a pleasant spot near the spring, and after the boys had made a rousing fire over which they roasted weiners and made coffee, they satisfied their appetites to the extent that several of their members were missing Thursday from the classrooms.

At about six-thirty "Ma" Johnson started home with a group of "dignified seniors" that she scarcely recognized, for in some mysterious way several had grown mustaches and chin whiskers. If any of the college men are unable to produce a visible mustache, ask the senior girls to let you in on the secret.

When you say High School Seniors you mean Good Time!

Library Notes

Our latest library accession is a new set of the Oxford dictionary.

We are indebted to Mrs. Woolsey for the Good Housekeeping Magazine and to Mr. Lester of Wellsville for the Y Mens Magazine. Thank you.

Local News Items

Mr. Densmore has returned to his home in Michigan.

Miss Miller, our vocal teacher, entertained her father here Sunday.

Rev. Anderson arrived home Monday evening from a meeting in Allentown, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Warburton were visiting their daughter, Ruth, here for a day or two this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Burt are leaving for Florida about the first of November. Both are old students of Houghton.

Former friends of Houghton will be interested to know that our former station agent, Mr. Peck, is very ill with heart trouble.

The Crouch family were called away last week on account of the death of Mr. Crouch's mother. Their friends extend sympathy.

Mrs. Stanford Lang and children, Richard and Dorothy, left Friday night for their home in Philadelphia after a two months' visit with home friends here. Mrs. Lang was a former student and teacher at Houghton College.

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