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Seniors to the Fore

Last Thursday the College Seniors made their first public appearance in caps and gowns in a special chapel. This occasion also marked the first appearance of a graduating class which will have completed a four year academic course in Houghton College, and is such will long be remembered as marking the culmination of the life work of the founders of the school.

Reverend Pitt was the speaker and his remarks were in harmony with the spirit of the occasion. He spoke of choices and the results of choosing well and badly. The entire exercise left a lasting impression on the minds of the class, for up to that time they had not recognized the swift approach of graduation and the severing of many school ties.

On Saturday evening the Senior Class changed from grave to gay in the dining hall at the camp ground. The entertainment took the form of a kid party, the boys dressing in knickers and the girls in appropriate costume. The whole class played marbles, but of course they did not play "for keeps," as much as Miss Hampe wished to do so. After this strenuous exercise the whole class was treated to a pancake feed. We learned for the first time of the enormous capacity of some of our girls. They far out did the heaviest eaters among the boys by consuming anywhere from eight to eighteen cakes. Laura Steese starred. The party broke up after the girls finished the dishes and the boys had recovered from the efforts of watching them. From the success of the party it might seem that the Seniors have not entirely forgotten their childhood in the later cares that have fallen upon them.

Gone to the land where all good canines go, and from which they never return, by the chloroform route, Gyp the school dog, age 13 years.

We miss his friendly voice, the kindly wag of his tail, and his faithfulness to us as a friend. We venture to say, however, that the black horses (school team) whom he loved supremely, will miss him most of all.

Sallberg Charter Member of Honor League

Tuesday afternoon William Sallberg was presented with a gold fob bearing the seal of the State of New York, the honor emblem of the High School Honor League of this state. Only those persons who have maintained a general average of 90% and have at least fifty-four credits are eligible to become charter members of this newly organized league. Mr. Sallberg is to be commended the more highly because he is taking his high school course in three years.

High School Class of '23

The president of the graduating class of 1923, Mrs. Alice B. Wilcox, is very anxious to know who has the class letter and desires the person who has it to send it to her immediately at 1296 School St., Indiana, Pa. She also desires each member of the class to write her stating his or her address.

Edmund and Dorothy Peck spent the Easter vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Peck.

Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Praise God for this wonderful promise! Tuesday evening the Lord graciously fulfilled it by meeting with our souls in the student-prayer meeting. Thank God for the times of refreshing that he gives us!

Bro. David Ries had charge of the meeting, and after quite a large number of inspired prayers, read to us from the fourteenth chapter of St. John, and brought us some great truths from the lessons. Following this was a lively testimony service.

There was quite a large attendance this week, but we hope to see all our fellow-students out next Tuesday evening, April 20th.

"Personal contact with God Himself is the only secret of power."

NOTICE

At the request of Miss Wakely, Allegany County Public Health Nurse, Dr. J. J. Mahoney, District State Health Officer, has arranged with the New York State Department of Health to hold four consultation clinics for diseases of the lungs in the following places:

April 14th—Fillmore High School, Fillmore, N. Y.

April 15th—Belfast Free Library, Belfast, N. Y.

April 16th—Community Hall, Canaseraga, N. Y.

April 17th—Wilson High School, Angelica, N. Y.

Dr. Robert E. Plunkett and Dr. Lyman I. Thayer of the State Department of Health will examine the patients, and X-ray pictures will be taken of all suspicious cases. Anyone desiring an examination will be admitted upon presentation of a card signed by the family physician, or if there is no family physician, by the Health Officer.

In an effort to assist the family physicians, these clinics have been held at intervals throughout the State for the past four years, and large numbers of people have been referred by their doctors for consultation and X-ray. Aside from known cases of tuberculosis, patients who have been referred for examination have been of two types: persons presenting such symptoms as bronchitis, asthma, coughs, persistent colds, loss of weight, undue fatigue, and symptoms of like character and persons, especially children, who have been in contact with cases of tuberculosis.

There is no doubt that the decrease in tuberculosis is due largely to the early diagnosis and prompt treatment of beginning cases and to the close supervision periodic re-examination of exposed children.

Among our Easter visitors were Fred Warburton of Cornell University, Rev. Woodhouse of Ransomville, and Viola Lewis a former student and graduate of class '24.

Harmonizers' Concert Tonight

Houghton vicinity always welcomes very warmly the appearance of the Harmonizers. Their programs have rapidly become one of those appreciated. Tonight the Harmonizers present their new program for the first time this year on the home platform. Already they have met with hearty receptions at two of the places which they visited last year, Belfast and Rushford. This season's program follows.

The Caliph of Bagdad Boieldieu
Orchestra
On the Sea Ellsworth
Bits of Life Adams
Double Quartet
Berceuse (violin solo) Godard
Gerald Scott
The Sword of Ferrara (vocal solo) Bullard
Frank Henshaw
Follow the Swallow Henderson
June Brought the Roses Openshaw
Orchestra

INTERMISSION

Rosary Nevin
A Bit of Close Harmony O'Hara
Double Quartet
Rondo Capriccioso (piano solo) Mendelssohn Alfred Kreckman
The Last Token (musical reading) Eaton
Mark Bedford
Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen Ames
Susan Jane
Double Quartet
Summer Evening Waldteufel
Homestead Melodies (medley) Recker
Orchestra

Anna Houghton Daughters

The Anna Houghton Daughters met on Friday April 3rd in the high school Physics laboratory. A short talk on Modern Literature was given by Mrs. Hazlett.

The society will meet Friday afternoon of this week in the same place and it is desired that there be a good attendance as there is important business to be transacted.

Attend the M. S. Class!

Join the H. A. A. Monday!

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Food for Your Soul

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.—Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Editorial

"What? The Star? Why that paper is absolutely punk. No good at all! The College that supports it has been misled. The students who contribute are far from literary geniuses."

And so the talk goes on. Kickers here, kickers there—all pointing out the faults of our school organizations, yet not one of them is willing to lift a finger to aid in the melioration of those criticised institutions. They speak rapidly, fluently, but without thought. If behind that flow of words, if back of that critical, oratorical nature, there was a will to do, our Alma Mater could have no truer sons, no stauncher supporters than the kickers whom she harbors within her halls. But alas! it is not so. They willingly show us our weak point, but neglect to make us understand wherein we may develop strength. They find the disease perhaps, but do not supply the remedy. They make clear the wrong, but refuse to point out the right. And thus they become an overwhelming liability rather than a helpful asset.

They are not alone in the world. In every corner of the earth, we find their friends—those who have failed to devel-

op an altruistic spirit, those who make it a business to ridicule the deeds of others. They might profitably put in to effect the suggestion that a "kicker's union" would be of great benefit to them in the forwarding of their plans. The only plea, the only reason for the actions must be—"We meant well, our intentions were good." The plea may be true, but they have always sadly failed in carrying it out.

Are you in the kicker's class? Do you growl about your society or athletic association? Do you knock your teachers, coaches, or even your school paper? Think it over, and act accordingly. Remember the kicker's plea—"I mean to do right." Remember also that the kicker has failed to carry out that plea.

HOUGHTON LOCALS

Miss Elsie Bacon has just returned from a trip to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. M. C. Cronk is recovering from an operation in the Warsaw Hospital.

Miss Florence Kelly, former dean of women here, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fish spent the week-end with their daughter, Florence.

Professor Charles Pocock of Falconer spent a few days with friends here this week.

Mrs. Mattoon has gone to visit her daughter, Mrs. Royal Woodhead, of Horicon, N. Y.

Mrs. Roy Chapman of Clifton Springs has been visiting her sister, Miss Alice Huntsman.

Mrs. Curtis Woodhead and two children, of Olean, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodhead.

Rev. and Mrs. John Bruce and family of Chestnut Ridge, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Barnett.

Miss Mabel Allen of Little Falls, N. Y., is spending a week with her sisters, Mrs. J. D. Russell and Mrs. C. A. Baker.

Mrs. Hussey has returned from Jamestown where she has been visiting her daughter for several weeks. She is somewhat improved in health.

Rev. and Mrs. Matthew Gosbee of Willow, N. Y., are the parents of a boy, Wilber Clyde. Mr. Gosbee is a graduate of the Theological Department.

Rev. and Mrs. Mattoon celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Monday. Their daughters, Myrtle and Mrs. Lynford Tabor were with them.

Chapel Services

Our hearts were inspired anew as we listened to Pres. Luckey's heart to heart talk to the students on the subject "Life and its larger Aspects." We were impressed again with the thought that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" but rather in accomplishing in the will of God the great objective of his life. Pres. Luckey especially emphasized the fact that if one is in the will of God he may accomplish anything he wishes to if he pay the price. He said in part: "In the hopeful, optimistic spirit of youth, see your visions, but make preparation for accomplishing your dreams. Consider the motive for all your effort. You cannot live a great life unless your motive is unselfish."

Athenian Society

Do you know how peoples of other lands celebrate the great religious day of the springtime? Do you know how eggs came to be so extensively used in connection with it? Miss Laurel Davies read a paper on the subject, Tuesday evening April 7. She gave the history of the Easter festival as it has come to us from earliest times. She told how the egg has come to be used because it is the symbol of the resurrection.

The religious significance of the day was taken up by Professor Whitaker. He showed how it was a continuation of the Jewish passover and how its significance lay in the fact that it means salvation from sin, and therefore new life.

Howard Bain gave a short resume of Easter Customs in America, and Laura Houghton told some of the joys of Easter vacation—joys which were all doubtless realized, and long since forgotten.



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The corned beef which formed a part of the limited rations of the men, increased their thirst and it was necessary to get water to them. In the heat of the following hot day the captain called me and said, "Go over to the second platoon. You will find a can over there. Chlorinate some of this water (from the swamp) and carry it to the fourth platoon." I would not have made that trip for a thousand, if that had been the only inducement, but to the captain I merely said "Yes, sir," and started out. I was decidedly prejudiced against offering myself for a target to the German snipers. When out from cover I began to crawl cautiously forward, fearing every second that the bullets would begin to fly about me. I soon came to a place where I could look over the field. There at the junction of the two railroad tracks stood an American officer. He had the air of one who was merely strolling about to see if he could discover something interesting. Either he did not know how easy a mark he was offering, or he had some assurance that the enemy would treat him respectfully. I was very much relieved and jumped to my feet, quite satisfied that if they did not care for him they would leave me alone.

Having secured the can, I took water from a hole dug near the edge of the swamp at Co. Hqrs. It had a stale, grayish appearance, suggestive of slime. It had drained from soil which had been saturated with mustard gas, and from its odor and taste I could not help thinking of the dead. After chlorinating some I carried it to the men, and some of the platoon returned with me for more. We were all feeling badly enough before we drank the stuff but if there were any who were not sick before taking it, they were soon enduring the common misery.

We did not get much sleep those days. Every man was required to be on the alert all night, and during the day the Germans took care at frequent intervals to send over whiz-bangs, mine-throwers, and other nerve-wracking stuff to keep us awake. The blue-bottle flies settled down upon us and crawled over our hands and faces as deliberately as though we had been dead a week. This battlefield was the blue-bottle flies' elysium. If we drew our slickers over us to keep them off, we were too warm, for we were still wearing all of our winter woollens. The

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situation was getting serious.

On the night of the 15th I was sent to battalion headquarters to learn the way to our reserve line position and to bring in the relief for our company. An officer was sent out as guide, with a runner from another company and myself. He led us along the track at the foot of the hill, in the direction of Fimes. Now and then he stopped to examine the various trails leading up the hill. As he did seem to be familiar with the country, I took good care to notice where we were going. He led us up hill and down, first in one direction and then in another, all night. On one occasion he crouched beside a bank and, while we held a coat over him, struck a light and examined his map. Evidently it did him no good, for he did not know where he was on the map and started off in a different direction from that in which the reserve lay. At last he left us at a fork in the road, under severe machine gun fire, and went toward Saint Thibaut. He stopped on a little rise of ground where he spent some time trying to decide in which direction to go next. He had already tried every direction there was, so he finally returned to inquire if we could give him any information. I told him that I could show him the way back to battalion headquarters, and he seemed quite surprised. He wished to know if I had ever been there before and I informed him that I had been there once before—that same night. I led the way back and we arrived at daybreak.

The hiking had been too much for me after what I had been through with the company. I was exhausted, and sick with fever and poison. My head felt as though it would split. I rested for an hour or two before returning to the company, and stopped several times while crossing the flat. It was all I could do to stand while reporting to the lieutenant—the captain had been gassed and had gone to the hospital. I was directed to take a rest in the first aid station. It was cool in there, and dark, and, though the pain in my head was almost unbearable, I dropped asleep almost immediately.

On the morning of the 16th the relief came in and a straggling line of sick, haggard men made their way slowly back toward their position in the reserve line. I do not know how many were left, but in my squad there was only one, I think besides myself, and at least one other squad had but two men.

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