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Houghton and Evolution

H. J. Lennox

"I believe Christendom is standing on the verge of a mighty eruption. Not between the churches or denominations but a contest between the scientific evolutionary theories and the fundamentals of Christianity, and the Bible must stand." These were the thoughts of President Luckey as he defined Houghton's position in this struggle.

The great fundamentals of the Christian Church, the immaculate conception, the virgin birth, the atonement, and the resurrection, are true and necessary for a vital faith in Christ. Against these, the evolutionary doctrine offers a stern denial; and in their stead, the bold conception of evolution. Moreover, from the champions of this theory, we find the assertion that no real thinker can believe in any other plan.

We have no fear of the truth, nor does any accusation stir in the manner given. We honor any true science, but until the fruits are held before the world, such as we find in Christianity, we must stand aloof. Houghton cannot endorse the many articles found in the present day magazines concerning any erroneous doctrine, and openly withdraws her patronage in every way.

The students heartily endorse the President's enunciation, and as members of this institution, we shall be content in the material so bountifully bestowed upon us, without seeking redress from any of the opposing party, or aiding in its destruction of the vital truths of Christianity.

"Bulwarks of Americanism"

Fred Bedford

That was the exceptional heading

used by Lieut. Sharman in our last lecture number. Mr. Sharman has had an exceptional career. He has been athletic coach, a soldier for five years in the Canadian army; has studied medicine, law, philosophy, psychology, and most of all, men. He has traveled widely in both Europe and America to study human nature and human tendencies. Houghton is fortunate indeed to obtain such men on her lecture platform.

Lieut. Sharman developed the subject under four heads, giving the four great questions confronting the United States today and suggesting remedies.

First, the social revolution now in progress involving the double standard of morals and state laws regulating marriage and divorce.

Second, labor problems of today caused by men's lack of interest and and the harmful influence of labor leaders. The remedy here would be a new member of the cabinet to have control of the ex-service men and to allow the employer and employee to get together and settle disputes.

Third, the political machinery of today is such that a reform law can hardly be passed and justice cannot be obtained in the courts. The remedy is referendum and placing judges and jury outside of the influence of money and allowing no final appeal by the lawyers.

Fourth, the general distrust among men which will be remedied as soon as the Church has a true brotherhood.

The foregoing points were likened to the coaches of a train which was drawn by the engine "Americanism" and whose destination is the "Brotherhood of Man."

Lieut. Sharmon gave the students an interesting talk the next morning and made some very interesting character analysis.

"H. S. SENIORS"

Beatrice Jones

The Seniors are in practice for a debate, I should say. They are debating the question of having "caps and gowns" for graduation and they have certainly proved the question to be debatable. At the last Senior meeting a great many arguments were brought, for and against, but the question was not decided. They put the decision over until Monday. I expect there will be great work done along the line of debate at that time.

February twenty-second was a day of great celebration. It was the birthday of the father of our country and also the birthday of the principal of Houghton Seminary. About 2:45 a company of fourteen was seen making its way from the lower hall up toward Mrs. Bowen's room. This company was composed of Seniors. They went along, keeping in step, while strong sounds issued from their lips. They appeared to be saying over some kind of a chant.

If they had been followed, they would have been seen going into Mrs. Bowen's room. Here they had a spread (ice cream and cake). After the refreshments, speeches were called for. Pres. Luckey spoke to them, also Mrs. Bowen, Miss Fancher and the president of their class, Miss Buchholz. They then sang their class song and adjourned to wash the dishes.

One can hardly pass through the hall now without hearing the magic word, "skidiemarenk" and the reply, "Dido". When this interchange of words is

heard one knows the Seniors are about. Either the Seniors themselves do not know the meaning of the words, or else they are not at liberty to disclose it.

It may seem strange for the students not to hear any announcements of Senior class meetings in chapel. Never mind folks, they have them just the same.

Spring is coming, June will soon be here and every Senior is doing his best for the commencement exercises. Wish them luck!

Seniors '23

S is for Sunshine,
Which we surely can claim
And if you can't see it
We aren't to blame.

E is for euphony
Our talk is just right,
And in our meetings
We never do fight.

N is for nonsense,
We have it too,
Since its essential
Not to get blue.

I is for intelligence,
You can define that.
If you can't, we'll tell you—
You keep it under your hat.

O is for order;
You'll always find us thus;
No matter what befalls us,
We never fret and fuss.

R is for right;
Right we always do.
And if you follow us,
You'll do right too.
Put them all together they spell
"Class of '23";

To old Houghton we will ever true
and faithful be.

—Lloyd Tingley, our adopted
Senior brother.

Can You Imagine

Alice without her, "Let's have order."
Helen without her "Happy."
Bae, "skinny" and not talking.
Erwin without his smile.
Iva being noisy.
Laura without a "tingling" bell.
Dot without a "man".
Joe without his moustache.
Dave without a family.
Lynn without his poetry.
Thelma skipping Senior Orations.
Anna without her lessons.
Ruth tall.
Paul taking his vacation in the Adirondacks.

Senior Smiles

Irwin: "If we boys shave off our moustaches there won't be anything to hold our upper lip down."

Lynn: "I have enough down on my upper lip now."

Bea: "I can't wear a cap and gown."

Lynn: "Why Bea, you'll look like a million dollars."

The Seniors fear for Laura's sanity. Every time the door bell rings she thinks some one is calling "Ting."

Helen (going along the road and seeing lightning rods on a barn): "My, they must have a radio."

During the very hot weather last summer, Paul Steese was riding in his roadster with one foot hanging out over the door. Small boy: "Say mister, did you lose your other roller skate?"

The Halls of Fame

Royal Woodhead

An institution of learning is not the building that holds the classrooms. It is not the beautiful campus that surrounds the buildings. It is not endowment nor is it so much the present student body. But the main bulwarks of any institution are those that have left the place where they have obtained their knowledge and have entered the halls of fame. The finished product bears the stamp of the maker as they stand or fall so the institution will stand or fall.

This being true it will be of great advantage to us who are soon to become the product of Houghton Seminary, to study some who are now truly the institution, that we may see what the world is expecting of us.

First, let us look at one who is in the halls of business. Ralph Emerson Rindfusz began his training in Houghton in 1906. He carried creditably three years of college work here and then took his degree from Oberlin. Then, in spite of the fact that he was a brilliant student and had many opportunities to obtain greater wages, he accepted a position as teacher in his Alma Mater and became her Dean of Men. Here he succeeded well as a teacher and was well liked as a dean. Oberlin has tried many times to secure him on her faculty but as yet Houghton has one better on her.

After leaving Houghton he went into business. He became chemist for the American Writing Paper Co., Holyoke, Mass. Here his executive ability be-

came prominent and he was advanced to a high position in the department of administration. The "Oberlin Review" in giving an account of his achievements in a recent issue speaks of him as one of those famous Houghton boys who is well on the road to be a millionaire.

Houghton is perhaps as well represented in the religious field as anywhere else. However, we will only have time to speak of one. Stanley Wright also took college work in Houghton and Oberlin. And from the time of his graduation until the present he has been growing in the estimation of the people of the church. His first great achievement was to become president of one of the schools of the denomination. Here he could have stayed had not his health failed him and his call to the pulpit brought him to one of the charges of the Rochester Conference, where he boasts that he has nearly half the territory and people of the conference. It is with pleasure that the people of Houghton listen to the complimentary remarks that come from the people of his charge, for she claims a small share in the honor.

There is another whom Houghton delighteth to honor, because this one is one of the youngest to enter these guarded halls. This is none other than Ira Bowen. He is truly a product of our school as he here took his kindergarten and from that on up to the hour when he finished his third year college. He was always a good student. Well can the writer remember hearing the classmates of this quiet young man say to another, "What did you get in Trig. 75?" "Yes. What did you get?" "Oh, a little less." "What did Ike get?"

"He only got 100%." And so it would go. He went to Oberlin to complete his course and there he attained wonderful success. The head of the Physics Department said that in the years he had been head of that department, Ira Bowen was the only student to whom he could apply the term brilliant. From Oberlin he went to Chicago University where he was under one of the greatest Physicists in the United States. While here he invented an instrument to measure light waves accurately; previously they had only been measured approximately. From here he was sent to California to make observations and study for the University. He keeps himself so busy at this kind of work that he doesn't have time to take the degrees that he is qualified to take. The scientific magazines of London are eagerly printing reports of his discoveries and Houghton is glad for his success.

Girl's Dorm Makes Record

The occupants of Gaoyadeo Hall have made a record this year that they may well be proud of. The disciplinary committee has not been obliged to sentence a single trembling culprit to the indignity of washing dishes, scrubbing floors, or peeling potatoes for punishment. In short, K. P. is out of fashion with the Dorm girls.

This record we feel sure is due to the kind, sympathizing, understanding, devotion of our beloved dean, Miss Hampe, and the hearty cooperation and friendliness of the girls towards each other.

The Dormitory has been the most fully occupied this year of any time in its history. Each room houses its quota of girls.

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Editorial

With the advent of Houghton College, there will come great differences in administration and with these a great addition to the responsibilities of the student body.

Each year from now on we hope and believe that we will see large additions to the student body. The college department is going to grow, in the not so far distant future we are certain that it will be numbered by the hundreds.

Houghton however has high standards, and long standing traditions that have come to be almost sacred, that must be upheld; if our own beloved school is to retain the hard won individuality which great men have made possible with their lives.

There is no need to again mention these prerogatives, our tradition of spirituality which upholds the principles of

Jesus Christ, nourishing a system of high and clean living, our tradition of high scholasticism which has won for us the recognition among great colleges which few schools of our size have dared to hope. Our athletic tradition although in a somewhat embryonic state, contain all the ideals of Christian Ethics as applied to athletics and which we hope to perpetuate to a greater degree in the future. Our traditions affirm that every one who attend school here, rich or poor, high or low, has an equal chance. We know them all. They are imbedded in our every thought.

It will be the especial duty of each student body in the future, to assimilate in every growing Freshman class and inculcate these principles into them in one year, thus making the whole ready to act in the same way each succeeding year.

That is an extraordinary job, but one that must be done, and one that must be begun in the year 1923. We are equal to it. Student body, remember your obligation and duty, which is in the last analysis a privilege.

Readers of the "Star," Attention

The "Star" is always open to suggestions. Especially from our alumni do we solicit both copy and constructive criticism. We will appreciate at any time the receipt of anything in this line and will endeavor to incorporate whatever may be deemed worth while. Let us hear from you.

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Organizations

ATHENIAN SOCIETY

Ella M. Lane

The Athenian Society has not been able to meet regularly this semester on account of the revival meetings and basket-ball series. However, the members seem to have lost none of their enthusiasm in the long period since the last meeting.

At the first meeting since the Christmas vacation, February 26, one of the members moved that the society be discontinued for the next semester. Both sides of the question were eloquently defended, but the sentiment against the motion was so strong that it was withdrawn. Judging by the enthusiasm shown in this discussion, we may be very sure that each member intends to do his or her part to make the society a success this semester. On March 5, the regular election of officers for the second semester took place. Earl Tierney was elected president, Ruth Kellogg, vice president, Esther Haynes, secretary, and Elmer Hudson, treasurer. The new president struck the keynote of success when he said that the purpose of a literary society is improvement rather than amusement; and the Athenians, as a college society, should be especially devoted to benefiting its members. It was also suggested at this meeting that the society should not seek for a large number of members but, on the other hand, the qualifications should be so strict that only those who were really interested in improving themselves along literary lines would care to join.

NEOSOPHIC SOCIETY

J. Harold Douglass

On account of revival services the meetings of the Neosophic Society were suspended temporarily but now we are running in regular order; which order provides for the election of officers at the first regular meeting of each semester.

Monday evening, February 26, after the opening exercises the following officers were elected: President, Harold Douglas; Vice-president, Lynn Russell; Secretary, Doris Johnson; Ass't Secretary, Beatrice Jones; Treasurer, Stanley Orner; Sergeant-at-arms, Ernest Greenburg; Janitor, Lamont LaVere.

Through the fault of no one in particular but every one in general, the society has suffered a gradual decline, both in membership and in the quality of programs rendered. The society has demanded that a radical change be made for the better, or else the organization be disbanded. This places a responsibility on those chosen as officers.

The second regular meeting was held March 5th., and much interest was shown both in the business meeting and in the program, the latter being short but very good. Prof. Wright gave a fine talk on what a literary society should be, Stanley Orner rendered a good vocal selection, and Beatrice Jones very cleverly gave us "Current Events, at Home".

The main business was the presentation of some resolutions from a joint committee in which both societies and the faculty were represented. These resolutions recommended a change in time of meeting to Friday night, also that the two societies alternate in giving public programs. After much discussion they were laid on the table.

It is our duty and privilege young people, to put enough into this society so that the interest which we desire will be forthcoming.

"ATHLETICS"

Kenneth E. Gibbin

As the spring sun begins to shine it makes us think of the tennis court, the field and track and last, but not least, the base ball diamond. We look forward with pleasure to the cutting, lobbing and slashing of the tennis ball. We think sometimes we almost hear that spat of the "apple" as it hits the groove in the catchers mit and we also think of the track and field events, the day of which is not far away.

The Captains Should Begin To Practice Now

No time should be lost before the Captains should bring their men together and start practicing for the track and field meet. Those mile and half-mile runs seem pretty long the first time around the track and they show a fellow that it takes a lot of practice to know how to judge himself, as he will have to do in the long runs. These need practice and now while things are a little "dull", time should be taken to bring the track and field teams into condition.

While our men are working on the field, there is that human hurling machine out behind some building with fingers curling around the baseball trying to make that old curve come back or to bring that drop down and get his "old form" back.

We are looking forward to a great track and field meet this year. We have still with us the winners of some of the events of last year and other men of promising characteristics who

will make the winners get out and practice if they expect to hold a place this year. These men are Crandall, Sallberg, McKnight and others who are very promising for the spring athletics.

We now turn to the tennis court. The Gold have a fine show for tennis this spring having such racketeers as Clark, Henshaw and Pitt who are new men yet the Purple have to turn to their winners of last year, Burt and Steese. All of these men show a particularly good brand of tennis and we hope that this year will be a banner year for good tennis.

The season for baseball is soon to be here and occasionally it is noticed that a few of the men are thinking about it as they gaze out upon the four sided figure on the athletic field. Let us think that the baseball between the Purple and Gold this year will be somewhat of a better quality than that of last yet it is very doubtful if it will be if the Gold come out heavy with their line of hurlers and good fielders.

Now what we need is a little enthusiasm to manifest itself around here and make men think how important it is to have the spring exercise for health. We are waiting to have fine spring for some good athletics and hope our expectations do not fail us.

Mr. Clocksene (Miss Fero's brother-in-law) to Mr. Steese: "Don't you think that you had better divide Eddie William's room rent with me?"

"Here, There and Everywhere!"

Matthew Gosbee

In the annual meeting of the Young Peoples' and Week-Day School departments of the Sunday Schools of the M. E. Church held recently at Chicago, Dr. Jas. U. Thompson of that city made the following alarming statement: "In the United States two out of every three boys and girls of school age have no religious education of any kind--Hebrew, Catholic or Protestant." He further states that "church and public school leaders alike are awake to the menace to our national life in developing a generation of shrewd minds and bodies without sufficient moral and ethical principles to turn that shrewdness into a great social asset, and that skill into a great, helpful, constructive channel." The church, to meet this need, has started vacation and week-day schools in which departments, it was reported, much progress has been made.

The learned doctor is quite right as far as he goes. It is a menace to our country to neglect the moral and ethical education of the masses, but how is the church going about its work? Is it simply going to teach the principles laid down by Jesus Christ and set Him up as the Great Example, or is it going to endeavor to show the people that the salvation of mankind lies not in the following the example of Christ but in the acceptance of the sacrifice made by the Son of God in behalf of a world lost in sin?

Without the conception of Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world and

the transformation which follows in the life as a result of such an acceptance, we may never expect to see the moral and ethical improvement which so many people realize is necessary for the preservation of our nation. Save the individual in the good old way laid down by God's word and society will take care of itself.

A notable and praiseworthy characteristic of the student body of Houghton, is the modesty of the individuals who go to make up its membership. No finer example of this can be found than that exhibited recently by a certain youthful debater while arguing before the debate committee on the question, "Resolved that the U. S. should take an active and prominent part in the settlement of European affairs." In outlining what should be done, he frankly admitted that he would be required to leave some matters for the statesmen of the world to settle. Such modesty is becoming young men and it is with profound gratitude that we observe the prevalence of such a virtue in our midst.

The Literary Digest of Feb. 10 reveals some remarkable facts about the greatest of all books, the Bible. In the year 1922, 30,000,000 copies were printed and distributed by the various agencies throughout the world. The American Bible Society which has been helping mankind for 106 years, has a remarkable record. It has printed the Word of God in 725 languages and dia-

lects. During the past decade some complete book of the Bible has appeared in a new language at the rate of one every six weeks. The whole Bible has been published in 159 languages, the New Testament in 138 more, and portions consisting of at least one book in 428 more. The Society's issues for the year 1921 were 375,227 Bibles, 749,386 Testaments, 3,730,841 portions; making a total of 4,855,464 volumes. Of these over half went to China, and increase of 605,111 over the previous year and incomplete distribution figures indicate that the reports for 1922 will show an increase over this number. This is a gratifying report, indeed, but how much better it would sound if we were sure that all would be interpreted in the way its author meant it to be.

Campus News

Fred Bedford

Edward Williams went home Thursday, March 1, on account of the serious illness of his sister.

Arden Burt went home the early part of last week on account of sickness.

A number of students have the grippe. However none are seriously ill.

The Purple Boys' Basket-ball Team was invited to a feed, Thursday evening, March 1, at the home of our pastor by his son, Horace, formerly a Purple man. It was the best feed ever and a very fine time was enjoyed by all.

The Teachers' Institute of all the teachers in Northern Allegany County was held here Friday, February 23.

Dinner was served at the dining hall for the teachers while the students had a basket picnic in the library.

The final try-out for positions on the debate team which is to debate with the team from Chesbrough Seminary has been held. Farner, Gosbee and Crandall with Shumann as alternate, support the negative side of the question, and will remain at home. Tierney, Kellogg and Carey with Waldherr as alternate, support the affirmative side of the question and go to Chili.

Special revival meetings at Houghton have been discontinued. Scores received help.

Special meetings are being held at the Fillmore Wesleyan Methodist Church with Rev. Paul Hill as evangelist.

At the time of this writing the plaster work in the new high school building is finished.

Another new student has joined our ranks, making 226 in all.

Elmer Hudson was out of school several days helping his parents.

The Rev. Paul Hill who is the evangelist at the special meetings in Fillmore conducted our chapel exercises, Friday, March 2nd.

Miss Yorton, a returned Missionary from Africa, gave a missionary talk in chapel shortly after board meeting. She again visited us March 2, and remained for the Library Concert.

The next lecture course number is to be Thursday evening, March 22. The talent is Dr. Staughn of Mansfield State Normal of Pennsylvania. It is sure to be an excellent number.

Library Concert a Success

Proceeds Nearly \$60.

The annual Library Benefit concert, given by the Music and Oratory Departments of the Seminary, for the benefit of the Willard Houghton Memorial Library, was a great success. It was held on the evening of March 2nd., and despite the bad condition of the walks due to recent thawing, and much sickness in the community, a fine crowd was present, and the proceeds were very near those of last year.

The size of the crowd and their appreciation of the performers, shown by their keen attention during the concert and their complimentary remarks afterwards, speaks well for the heads of both the Music and Oratory Departments and those who took part. One person went so far as to assert that he would not have missed it for \$5.00.

Inasmuch as Mr. Leonard Houghton duplicates all amounts raised for this purpose up to \$100, we expect to have a fine addition to our library this year.

THE CALL OF SPRING

The winter snow has left the earth
And brumal days, so cold in birth,

Have gone, and now its spring.
The strong, chill blasts of winter squalls
Have given place to zephyrs calls
That touch a magic string.

The tops of trees by breezes blown
Are calling out in gentle tone,

It is the call of Spring.
The flying bird sings out the plea,
"Come out of doors and list to me,
Great joy to all I bring."

The whole out-doors repeat the call,
The winding brook and waterfall
Send fourth the joy of Spring.
The call resounds in one short plea,
"Come list to us, and you will see
What joy and peace we bring."

---Lynn Russell

President Luckey left Monday, Mar. 19 on a business trip to Syracuse and Albany.

The Lockport Conference will convene Wednesday, April 4 in Houghton.

Mrs. Lane died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke, Monday evening, March 19.



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"JUST JESTS"

—Stanley Orner—

Pat: Do you believe that a rabbit's foot brings good luck?

Mike: Yes, I do. My wife felt in my pocket and thought it was a mouse.

Doctor: Did that medicine straighten your husband out all right?

Wife: Yes, we buried him yesterday.

In Greek class.

Crocker: What's the word for "love"?

Laura: I never heard it --- in Greek.

Little Mary, looking into her mother's face: "When I grow up must I marry a man just like Daddy?"

"Yes!" replied her mother.

"Then, Mother, if I don't get married will I be an old maid like Aunt Kate?"

"Yes," again answered her mother.

"Ain't I in a bad fix," said little Mary.

Son: My teacher pulled something on me today that made me mighty sore.

Mother: What was that?

Son: My ear.

Ex.

Couecism

Jud Tunkins says his butcher leaves so much bone in the steak, that day by day in every weigh he's getting worse and worse.

Freckles: My father has George Washington's watch.

Aleck: That's nothing. My Dad has Adam's apple.

Ex.

A freshman hesitates on the word "connoisseur."

Professor: What would you call a man that pretends to know everything?

Freshman answers: A professor.

A stranger traveling, seeing a boy lying on his back, hands under his head, asked: "Boy, can you tell me where Mr. Brown lives?"

"Over there." Replied the boy, pointing with his foot without turning his head.

Stranger looking at the boy awhile, said, "Boy, if you can give me an example of anything more lazy than that act I will give you a half dollar without hesitation."

The boy replied: "Put it in my pocket, will you?"

Mrs. Page: Why is it that girls use better English than boys?

Warren: They talk more.

Robert Stevens: I've a question to ask you.

Leo Besselman: All right, shoot.

Robert: If a boy is a lad, and the lad has a stepfather---

Leo (deeply interested): Go on.

Robert (walking slowly away): Does that make the lad a stepladder?---Ex.

"So you were in the World War, were you? In what particular battles did you fight?"

"Oh, I wasn't particular. I took 'em as they came."

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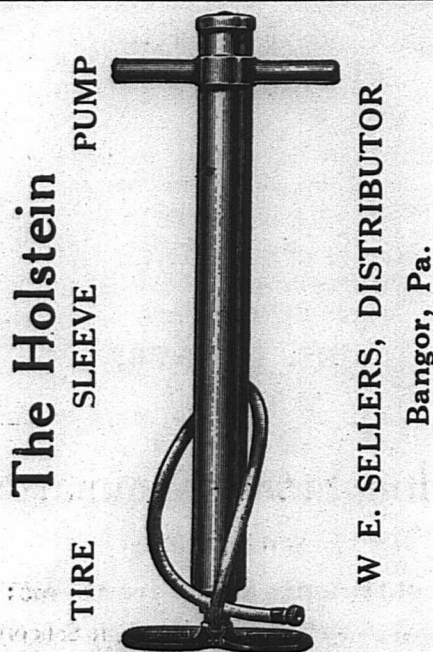
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