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BOULDER Drive Concluded

Considerable enthusiasm was shown in the "Boulder" drive among the student body, which closed Friday Dec. 12. The number of subscriptions reached the 180 mark. This is considerable increase over the number of last year, and there are still others to come in later.

A drive among the Alumni is planned for the week beginning Jan. 5, 1925. Last year a number of the alumni tried to secure a "Boulder", but because of the limited publication were unable to do so.

This year we are giving them a chance to place their order before the contract goes into the hands of the printer, thus being sure of their annual.

The plan is to reach each member of the alumni by mail or otherwise, informing them more fully on placing their order for a "Boulder".

Piano Benefit Concert

Has Houghton any talent? Any one who has a doubt similar to this in his mind should have attended the concert given by the oratory, vocal, and piano departments Friday evening, Dec. 12. All who did attend, feel very proud of our school. Every number was especially good and especially well rendered. Perhaps one which will be remembered longest was the reading given by Miss Spencer. The story of "the kid", of his sacrifice and reward ought to inspire us all on to more service for others. All the numbers were very much enjoyed. They were the following:

Piano "Polka Brilliahte" Morling, Hazel Lupton,

Reading, "A Boy's Mother" Riley, "The Fishing Party" Riley, Theos Cronk.

Vocal "Slave Song" Del Riego, Rosaline Churchill.

Piano "Berceuse" (from Jocelyn) Godard, Lucile Myers.

Reading "Christmas Eve in a Mining Camp" Paine, Clarice Spencer.

Quartet "Where My Caravan Has Rested" Lohr, "Bits of Life", Adams.

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Dr. Downing, Assistant Commissioner of Higher Education, Inspects Houghton College. Status as New York State College Assured

Dr. Augustus S. Downing, Assistant Commissioner of Higher Education, and Director of Professional Education for New York State, made an official visit of inspection to Houghton College on Tuesday evening and Wednesday of last week. To those who came in close contact with him, however, it seemed more like meeting a tried and true friend and councillor than like appearing before a critical examiner.

On Tuesday evening he spoke to the college student body, which had assembled in his honor. During the forenoon on Wednesday he, together with the members of our Educational Executive Board, Pres. Dietrich and the Rev. J. S. Willett, went through some of the college buildings, inspecting the laboratories and visiting some of the college classes.

At chapel time he spoke to the whole student body and the friends in the community who had assembled. On this occasion he emphasized the fact that there is a consciousness of power that comes because one has mastered difficulties. He showed that the teaching and discipline one receives in school is of value in training one to master himself. But he showed that the lives of those who have not harmonized with God's plan are incomplete lives. In stressing the importance of prayer he mentioned the fact that among other things his mother taught him at her knee was to pray. He said that every night, included in his prayers was the Apostle's Creed, and he presented the argument that one could not reiterate the statements there expressed concerning God and his son Jesus Christ without its clarifying his mind in this day of vagueness in religious expression.

Dr. Downing spent the major portion of the afternoon in further inspection of the buildings and grounds, in examining the records, and in conference with the President and Dean of the college relative to the educational policies of the school.

A few words may be said as to the probable results of this visit on the

standing that the college will have. From the statement that Dr. Downing made before he left, one can predict that he will make a very favorable report to the Board of Regents, concerning the character of Houghton College, and the type of work that she is doing.

Dr. Downing assured President Luckey that he would recommend that Houghton College be allowed to grant degrees to all who had completed the required four years of collegiate work. These degrees are to be signed both by President Luckey and by the President of the Executive Board of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and by two officers of the University of the State of New York.

Houghton College will be included in the list of New York state colleges and universities in which the state will allow its scholarships to be used in payment of tuition. Provisional use of these scholarships had been granted to Houghton College pending the result of this official inspection. There are four students attending college here this year whose tuition is being paid by the state.

As far as the provisions relative to securing a license to teach in a high school in New York state is concerned, a graduate of Houghton College can secure a College Graduate Limited Certificate from the state without examination. This is the same privilege he would have if he graduated from any college or university in the state. Further, Dr. Downing said that if one satisfactorily completes in Houghton College one or more of the subjects which holders of College Graduate Limited Certificates must pass before securing their life certificates that the state examinations in that subject or those subjects will be waived and the life certificate will be issued when the other requirements are met. In this again the Board of Regents of New York State are granting Houghton College the same privilege that it grants to other accredited colleges or universities of the state.

Harmonizers at Silver Springs

Last Wednesday evening Professor Hazlett's proteges journeyed to Silver Springs, N. Y., where a delightful program was rendered before a fair-sized audience. In spite of the frigid atmospheric condition of the hall, and the somewhat compact stage, the Harmonizers provided a period of unparalleled entertainment.

Hearty applause was the reward of their efforts, and they were forced to respond to repeated encores. If from the entire program selections can be singled out which seemed to please the listeners the most, Mark Bedford's reading, "The Scene at the Natural Bridge", Mr. Kreckman's piano solo entitled "The Storm", and Mr. Scott's violin solo would undoubtedly be chosen.

By request of the villagers, Miss Hildreth, head of Houghton's vocal department, favored the company with a selection. Her inspiring song message took the audience by storm, and, had it not been for a serious cold, she would have been forced to repeat her performance.

Without doubt this season will prove to be the most profitable since the Harmonizers were organized. No dates have been definitely settled upon for the future, although a tour during the spring vacation has been contemplated.

A Lookout Meeting

At the meeting of the Y. M. W. B. held Tuesday evening, a wide view of the work of missions was afforded the students of Houghton. First, Mr. Cecil Huntsman gave his report of the recent convention in Ithica of the Student Volunteer Band. The inspiring slogan of the Band is "Evangelization of the World in this Generation." One of the addresses reported concerned the need of world contact for college students, and the necessity of their personally answering the high challenge gained from a world vision.

Looking out to the South with Mrs. George Clarke, we were told of the spiritual prospeity of the new Birmingham church; of the missionary in-

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And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11.

Editorial

Christmas Cheer

Christmas! What a host of memories—what sweet pictures that one word brings to each student of Houghton! We close our eyes and dream of what Christmas has in store for each of us. Earth is dressed for the occasion in a mantle of softest snow, for we cannot think of the holiday season without snow. Then after the hearty farewells and merry Christmas wishes at school, and, at the end of that—oh, so long journey—we find ourselves at home.

Home and Christmas! Could two words blend together more harmoniously? Are there two words that combine to radiate more real cheer and send more genial warmth stealing to our hearts? Home and Christmas were certainly designed to go together to make one of the most pleasing pictures ever enjoyed by mankind. We see, in fancy, the warm greetings from every member of the family as we step across the threshold of home. Then comes the exciting time of waiting the arrival of Christmas eve when we stand around the beautiful tree, just sparkling with its many colored lights and gifts from dear ones. The mention of

no other day calls up such beautiful, satisfying pictures—the first Christmas scene. Missing are all the bright lights—save the wondrous star—and the merry sounds! Gone are all the evidences of merry-making. There in the dim shades of the manger lies the tiny baby Jesus, the blessed Christ-child, with His lovely mother, the pure virgin Mary, and near-by guarding these—do you not think with a feeling of awe and reverence for these two so honored by the Father above—stands Joseph. No signs of festivity here, no evidences of great cheer and joy, yet the tiny babe in the center of this picture brought with Him to this world pure joy, peace, and good will. He it is, who today as the changeless Christ, is the source of all true blessing and happiness and the peace that passeth all understanding.

The simple, holy picture of that Christmas morn in Bethlehem has had an influence upon men down through the ages and it should a vital influence upon students who have been so blessed by Christianity as have the students here. The perfect life, lived and finally laid down for mankind, should mould our thoughts and activities as we approach another anniversary of His birth. We enjoy giving to those we love and we enjoy such giving more as we learn to love those who are near to us by the ties of nature with a love made pure, deep, and patient by personal contact with Jesus Christ. Instead of thinking how much benefit we are going to derive from the holiday season and how

much rest and ease we ourselves are going to get, the Christ spirit will inspire us to see how much cheer we can give to those who need it—and who does not—and how much rest and comfort we can impart to those with whom we come in contact.

Many of us will not be able to bestow expensive gifts upon our dearest home friends, but surely life has taught us that far above these, father and mother prize our loving service and appreciation of their efforts and sacrifices for us.

If we have been thoughtless of these, let us begin now and make this Christmas their happiest one. And young man, young woman, and older ones too, what more fitting tribute can we pay to the Christ child, the divine Son of God who gave His life for us, than to surrender our lives to His care and keeping, and allow Him to guide us safely all the way into the land of perfect day.

Athenian Society

Christmas was the subject of this week's program. Ruth Warburton told of the origin of some of the Christmas legends. Saint Nicholas is known among the Greeks and Romans. The Germans have legends of the Christmas tree and of the Christ child.

Laura Baker told an interesting story of a poor peasant woman of France, who found healing for her little son by her faith in the miraculous power exerted on Christmas eve.

Lynn Russell read an original Christmas poem, "Peace, Ood Will."

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Neosophic Society

Christmas Carol night proved to be an interesting as well as profitable night.

The meeting was opened by a procession of the Neosophic chorus from the hall into the building, singing "Silent Night". The birth of Christ was read by Henry Howard. Willard Smith read "The Fir Tree" by Hans Christen Anderson. The Neosophic chorus sang another anthem which was followed by a history of carols and caroling read by Grace Sherman. Edna Roberts told in her own words of a certain Christmas she recalled in her "youth".

Miss Fancher was the critic and complimented the efficiency of the society.

The first Monday after vacation we will have a surprise program. You will not know what it is until you come.

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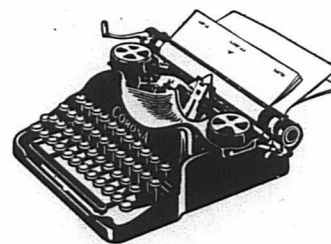
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Those were busy days in Camp Upton. We who arrived on the twenty-seventh of February were to be fitted in less than two months' to go overseas with men some of whom had been in training since September.

Soon after arrival, we were marched to the mustering office, where record of the soldiers' home addresses nearest relatives, knowledge of vocations, languages spoken, branch of service preferred, etc. I was recorded as a farmer, and stated a preference for the infantry.

We began drill on the morning following our arrival. It was ridiculous how a fellow's feet would get mixed up when he received an unfamiliar order. Perhaps it was, "Left about, face!" and he had just been doing "Right about, face!" He must execute the command instantly, but he cannot instantly think just what to do except that he must face about some way, and in a different way. He tries to obey in general by turning two ways at once, stumbles disgracefully over his own feet, and gets a reprimand from the officer whose command he was frantically and heroically attempting to obey. It was humiliating and discouraging, but not half so serious as he thought.

During the first few days at camp, while we were being supplied piece by piece with various articles of dress and

equipment, we were a sight that would have delighted the eye of the most discriminating cartoonist that ever adorned the pages of the comic section in a newspaper. Some wore civilian hat with army coat and civilian pants; some had the civilian hat and coat, army breeches, civilian shoes and no leggings. There was every possible sort of combination.

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HOUGHTON LOCALS

H. R. Barnett is on the sick list.

Several people in the village have the chicken pox.

Clinton Donahue of East Aurora spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Dudley and son, David, have been visiting Mrs. Dudley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, for a few days.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Williams are moving to Philadelphia to live with their daughter, Mrs. Harold McKinney.

Everybody is going home for Christmas vacation. Only about twenty are expecting to be taking meals at Gaoyadeo Hall out of the usual number of one hundred and forty.

On Thursday evening Miss Flora Brecht and Dr. Ruby Paine arrived in Houghton direct from our African mission field. Although their stay here will probably be short, we enjoy meeting them. Miss Brecht was a former Houghton student.

A Lookout Meeting

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terest shown by the children at the the Hepzibah Orphanage; and of the trying conditions at Central, where a former Houghton student, Hazel Jones, is dean and matron.

A farther lookout was directed to Africa. In great contrast to the spiritual lethargy is the eager pleading of certain heathen chiefs for Christian missions in their villages.

Mrs. Clarke said that Miss Yorton was the only worker among seventy-five towns, and Miss Tanner the only one among one hundred. There is imminent danger of having to close one of the two schools, and sending back to their former misery of heathenism thirty Christianized girls. Just as urgent are the calls from India and Japan, which must not remain unanswered.

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Piano Benefit Recital

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Reading "Higher Culture in Dixie" Dixie, Ruth Rockwell.

Orchestra "Medley Homestead Melodies".

Piano "Valse Op. 70 No. 1" Chopin, Harriet Storms.

Vocal "Thank God For a Garden" Del Reigo, Walter McMurtry.

Piano "A La Bien Aimee" Schuff, Alfred Kreckman.

Reading "The Christmas Substitute" Packard, Miss Warburton.

Piano "Troika en Traineaux" (In a Three Horse Sleigh) Tchaikowsky, Alton Cronk,

Vocal "The Cry of Rachel" Salter, Miss Hildreth.

Perhaps our friends would be interested to know that seventy-seven dollars were raised which will help defray the amount still due on our Chickering Piano.

Chapel Services

We were privileged in having Dr. Downing conduct our Wednesday chapel services. Dr. Downing is a great educator of the old time school, opposing many of our modern institutions such as the moving picture, the modern dance and the light reading which constitute the main diversions of so many young people. He attributed his success in life to the prayer learned at his mother's knee, and the Apostles' Creed which she taught him and which has been a firm foundation for his faith. Dr. Downing favors the classic studies that strengthen and invigorate as we master them and teach us accuracy in the little things of life as well as the great. We were pleased at the tribute he gave our President Luckey in speaking of his "everlasting stick-to-it-iveness" in getting our charter.

Bro. Gleason, an evangelist of the Wesleyan Methodist church, spoke to us on the subject "God's Universal Love Gift to Man", using as his text the wondrous words of St. Paul, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift". As we listened to Bro. Gleason's message our hearts were filled anew with the thankfulness to Him who because of His great love toward man "picked the fairest Rose of Sharon and laid it down in the manger in Bethlehem". He urged us to go forward realizing that "God needs some Stonewall Jacksons in Houghton". "He needs some men of iron wood" to stand firm for Him. "I would like to be a hundred to go out and work for Him."

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